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Forest friction frustrates users

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ARCATA — Even before the Jan. 12 Arcata Forest Management Committee meeting had reached the first business item on its agenda, a theme had developed — user conflicts in the Arcata Community Forest. Virtually none of various forest user groups escaped criticism.

While the early morning meeting rarely enjoys much public participation, several citizens turned up this month to detail incidents of trail friction between dogs, horses, cyclists, joggers and hikers. Even the committee itself was called out on a few points. First up was Sean Tetrault of the Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association. He sought to correct the record about an

illegal bike trail that had been constructed in the Arcata Community Forest. Alluding to “something in print that could have been misconstrued,” he made clear that his group opposes illegal trail building and that it wishes to be part of constructive solutions. Environmental Services Director Mark

FOREST ❖ A2

❖ GREEN RUSH

Neighbors oppose McK cannabis lab

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MCKINLEYVILLE — County planners may decide the fate of a proposed commercial hash lab and cannabis food kitchen in McKinleyville at a public hearing next week.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission will meet Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. to consider a special permit for HMCP Humboldt LLC to open what it is calling a “medical cannabis manufacturing facility” at 3445 Central Ave. in part of an existing building occupied by Hooven & Co. Inc.

The county was prepared to give HMCP Humboldt LLC — owned by brothers Tim, David and Pat Hooven — a permit last month unless someone demanded a hearing. Three residents ended up doing so by the Dec. 13 deadline. All three of the letters came from residents of Johnson Lane, located just north of the Hooven & Co. building across from the county’s main airport.

Residents have expressed concerns about the safety of the lab and the criminal characters that they say may be attracted to the facility.

But according to information submitted by the company to the county Planning Department, the lab will have extensive security measures. Occupying 800 square feet, the lab would have one to three employees, all of whom would have to pass criminal background checks. The lab would not be open to the public, nor would there be any retail sales.

Only licensed cannabis transportation companies would be allowed to transport cannabis products to and from the facility, according to the company.

With regard to butane extraction and other hash production techniques, the entire operation would need to be designed and approved by professionals such as en-

HASH LAB ❖ A2



AND SO BEGINS THE ERA OF TRUMP As Donald J. Trump was being sworn in Friday morning as the 45th President of the United States, People in Black, above, held a somber vigil on the Arcata Plaza. On Saturday, thousands turned out for the Women’s March on Eureka with participants holding signs speaking out against sexism, facism, racism and Trump himself. Organizers say that the protest was the largest ever in Eureka, with more than 4,000 participants. PEOPLE IN BLACK PHOTO BY KLH | UNION; WOMEN’S MARCH PHOTOS BY JDD | UNION AND KIM DURHAM



MASSIVE WOMEN’S MARCH



Bag ban uncertainties

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT — The state’s single use plastic bag ban is being implemented locally but Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors has been advised that a key aspect is still undetermined — the ban’s enforcement. The implementation and enforcement of Proposition 67, the state’s ban on single use bags, was updated for supervisors at their Jan. 17 meeting. Approved by a narrow margin last November,

Proposition 67 prohibits grocery stores, convenience stores, retail outlets and other businesses from providing free single use plastic bags to customers. Instead, they’re required to charge at least 10 cents each for paper bags or reusable plastic bags made of thicker and more durable material. Thin plastic bags for produce or bulk goods are still allowed. Assistant County Administrative Officer Cheryl Dillingham said the vot-

BAGS ❖ A7

Oyster farm expansion hits snag

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EUREKA — Lack of a quorum has forced the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners to delay action indefinitely on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Coast Seafoods project to expand its oyster harvesting by 191.3 acres. It originally asked for 622 acres and currently farms about 300 on Humboldt Bay. A motion to approve the 471-page impact report, extensively revised to meet environmental concerns, failed Jan. 19 on a vote of 2-1. That was one vote short of three required for ap-

proval by the board’s five members. Fifth Division Commissioner Patrick Higgins and Fourth Division Commissioner Richard Marks voted in favor. First Division Commissioner Larry Doss voted against on grounds that the impact report does not take into account the presumed environmental impact on avian hunters. Doss also objected that although “Coast has done a tremendous job” with its project proposal, the impact report failed to weigh the cumulative impacts of expanded harvesting on small-scale oyster farmers. “This is a state lands trust issue ... on the importance of taking into con-

sideration every aspect of public use” of the bay, he stated, although several local farmers spoke in favor of Coast’s expansion project as good for business and for maintaining a clean bay. At the end of the hearing, Higgins extensively rebutted the dissents to the report, including his colleague’s. The quorum shortfall derived from Second Division Commissioner Greg Dale recusing himself as Coast Seafoods manager to avoid a conflict of interest, and from the third division commissioner’s seat left vacant by Mike Wilson becoming a county supervisor. Uncertain is whether a further

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County budget deficit predicted

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HUMBOLDT – The county budget is in fairly good shape now, but it could come down from its peak as recession and slower revenue growth are predicted for the future.

That’s the upshot of a five-year budget forecast presented to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors at its Jan. 17 meeting.

The forecast uses varying scenarios to estimate what the county can expect over the next five years. Under the midrange moderate forecast, costs exceed income and contributions to emergency and deferred maintenance funds stay below policy levels.

Reduced property tax growth and increased salary and benefits costs, particularly costs for retirement benefits, compound other expense increases to put the county at a loss at the end of the forecast period.

The budget’s General Fund balance for the current budget year is positive, at \$6.3 million. But a \$5 million deficit is predicted for the 2021 to 2022 budget.

Senior Administrative Analyst Sean Quincy said “a mild recession” is looming and there’s an imbalance between costs and revenue.

Recession will impact property and sales tax revenues, Quincy continued, and “General Fund revenue growth is likely to slow

down over the next five years” while costs rise.

“This limits our ability to deal with unexpected changes or offer new services,” he said.

Marijuana tax income could be a budget booster but the Measure Z public safety sales tax ends in 2020 and there could be a roughly equal negative impact if it’s not renewed by voters.

Quincy said marijuana excise tax revenue is “largely unpredictable” at this point.

Spending on federally-required Americans with Disabilities Act improvements would be \$500,000 a year under the moderate forecast, and annual contributions to the county’s reserve fund would be \$350,000. The county’s contingencies or emergency fund would be maintained at \$1.7 million throughout the five-year

forecast period, a level that is below policy standards.

“Even using these modest spending levels, General Fund expenses still exceed projected revenues,” Quincy said.

He added that an additional \$3 million a year will be needed to meet policy standards for deferred maintenance, contingencies and reserves.

Assistant County Administrative Officer Cheryl Dillingham said the state’s Legislative Analyst’s Office is also forecasting a near-future recession. “We went with a mild one, so basically, growth slows,” she continued.

But she added that the range of outcomes is varied, depending on circumstances that cannot be precisely predicted.

“If we don’t have a recession, revenues

BUDGET ♦ A3

Hash lab | Would have security, meet federal safety standards

♦ **FROM A1**

gineers, according to the company. The facility would need to be in compliance with Cal-OSHA requirements, as well as those dictated by the Arcata Fire Protection District.

But for the nearby residents on Johnson Lane, the lab is perceived as a crime magnet and something that will be disruptive to their bucolic neighborhood.

“No one is affected by this decision more than me,” stated Johnson Lane resident Deborah Sisk in her letter to the county. “My

residence backs up against this property. We share a back fence.” Sisk wrote that she owns two other properties on Johnson Lane, where her daughter, daughter’s husband and grandchildren live.

“I am highly concerned for my safety, and my family’s safety over the criminal element that this will attract,” Sisk wrote.

Jennifer Reiske expressed similar concerns in her letter asking for a hearing.

“I am concerned that this production site will draw theft, loiters and cause trespassing on my prop-

erty and most importantly my parents’ property,” Reiske wrote.

“My family will fight this with everything we have,” Reiske states. “We are fighting for our future, our children’s wellbeing and the safety of our neighborhood.”

The third letter to the county was submitted by Johnson Lane resident Thom Bosswell, who asked for a public hearing but did not elaborate about his concerns.

The McKinleyville Union School District has also opposed the hash lab. The district recommended denial of the project

when it was asked by the county to comment on the lab last April.

“Our reservations are based on the fact that MUSD has three schools in proximity to the proposed facility and there would be concern influence and impact a marijuana manufacturing facility could have on students,” states District Superintendent Alan W. Jorgensen in a response to the county. The district oversees three schools: Dow’s Prairie Elementary at the north end of town, Morris School on McKinleyville Avenue and McKinleyville Middle School in the downtown area.

The Arcata Fire District has not

opposed the facility, but made it clear that the lab must be properly designed and operated.

“Depending on the type of extraction process, applicant will be required to meet the most stringent requirements for the specific processing,” Jenny Williamson, on behalf of the Arcata Fire Protection District, wrote in a response to the county.

Planning staff is recommending approval of the special permit. The Thursday, Feb. 2 meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St. in Eureka.

Forest | Users complain of conflicts between cyclists, horses & hikers

♦ **FROM A1**

Andre said illegal trails like that one could be “put to bed” and replaced by legal ones, with the work carried out by volunteers this summer. The committee is to do a field inspection of the now-obliterated bike trail when weather and schedules permit.

“There are lots of placeholders on this year’s volunteer workday trail schedule,” Andre noted.

Longtime forest user Bruce LeBel renewed objections previously voiced by himself and Open Space and Ag Committee Chair Uri Driscoll about the one-way trail used by bicyclists in the Sunny Brae Tract of the forest. In comments and a lengthy letter, LeBel set forth a detailed case that the trail was created without proper public process, that it poses a safety threat to forest users, that it violates the Forest Management Plan, that it favors bicyclists over others, that it isn’t properly signed, and related objections.

Tetrault asked LeBel whether offering cyclists a steep trail could help reduce conflicts elsewhere. LeBel said it could, but that a hostile “HSU” cyclist had yelled rude things at him for walking the unsigned trail. “From experience, I don’t think it’s a successful model,” he said.

Andre said trail signs were going up in the Beith Creek Loop of the Sunny Brae Tract, and that a special sign to be placed at the entrance to the one-way trail will designate it as such.

Committeemember Yana Valacovich reported that a “new stick person” was placing logs in the trail, presumably to sabotage bicyclists. She said a woman had been injured by such an obstruction.

Another perennial problem – that of unleashed dogs – took a toll on Valacovich’s family during a New Year’s Eve walk on Trail 5 off Diamond Drive. A loose Rotweiler attacked and

bloodied her husband’s arm, leading to “an interesting conversation” between her and the dog owner. The victim was taken to the hospital by a city worker who was in the area. She also said that some runners and hikers are failing to yield to cyclists and equestrians, and she called for a new “responsibility message” for peaceful coexistence among all forest users.

Committee Chair Mike Furniss told LeBel that he had made a “strong case” that the Forest Management Plan, which the committee is in the process of revising, doesn’t match the reality of what is happening in the forest. “We can certainly acknowledge that,” he said. “We’re slowly but surely working on that.” But, he added, the suggestion that there are widespread conflicts between cyclists and others isn’t factual. “So far, I’m not hearing that, other than from you, that there’s a serious problem,” he said.

LeBel insisted that the new trail coincided with a new “sense of entitlement” by reckless cyclists, which he had never experienced before its installation.

Lebel laid out his case in a nine-page document that included two attachments, one of which lists YouTube videos taken on forest bike trails and purportedly documenting the hazards he discussed.

In it, he quotes an article in a bicycling magazine which states that “Plans have also been made for the construction of directional mountain bike-specific trails catering to every skill level.” (While nothing like that has been publicly discussed, Andre later said it hasn’t been privately aired either. “That’s the first I’ve heard of that,” he said. “We’ve had no setting up stuff like that.”)

“It breaches the Forest Management Plan,” LeBel told the committee. “That’s my concern.”

Andre responded, saying that the plan doesn’t give anyone permission to be reckless. Speed limits in the forest are unenforceable, he said, because that would require someone to track cyclists with a radar gun. “There’s nothing that says you don’t have to control your bike,” Andre said. “There’s no explicit directive saying it’s a free-for-all.”

Furniss noted that the plan is an “old plan,” one which needs updating to account for many new recreational phenomena.

In his letter, LeBel proposes several solutions to the issues, including creation of a steep, uphill-only multiuse trail; closure of the present one-way trail; installation of bike-calming measure such as “deep waterbars” on the trails, right-of-way signage at trailheads; outreach to cycling clubs; formation of a “Trail Monitors” group; and an

insurance plan separate from the city’s municipal insurance, one that would be paid for by cycling groups.

With dog owners, cyclists and hikers already impugned for poor behavior, horse riders were next.

Referring to trails off Diamond Drive, citizen Sheryl Esparza spoke of difficulty sharing steep, single-track trails full of blind turns with equestrian users. “It’s kind of like having a semi truck and a pedestrian on the road at the same time,” she said. “You have to either climb [up the side of the trail] or go back.”

Esparza said she fears collisions between cyclists and horses. She also complained that horse hoofprints create deep holes in the trail, and piles of manure disturbed by bike wheels fly up onto riders. “It seems to be more and more and more horses,” she said. “They are creating a lot more sediment and erosion.”

Andre said that some trailheads are “a concentration point” for equestrians, which will be eased by new trails. A big problem is horses and cyclists using the trails in the rain, when they are most easily damaged. “Riding in the rain should be unacceptable,” he said. “It’s frustrating.”

Esparza suggested a police mountain bike patrol be formed “for people who are so entitled to have their dogs off leash.”

Tetrault said the mountain biking community appreciates what’s been done in the forest to accommodate all users.

Last week, new signs were installed along the Beith Creek Loop in the Sunny Brae Tract. Andre said one has been ordered for the entrance to the one-way trail, labeling it as such.

The committee continues to struggle with updating the Forest Management Plan, its progress stymied by the inability of members to find common meeting times.

The Forest Management Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St.

♦ - Correction

Due to inaccurate information provided by the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, the NoHum Sheriff’s Log in the Jan. 18 edition of the *Union* incorrectly stated that Aaron McLaughlin tried to take his baby and leave the house during a argument Dec. 31. That did not happen, according to the Sheriff’s Office. In an email to the *Union*, McLaughlin disputes other portions of the report, which he claims is only “20 percent true,” and says the dispute never got physical. The *Union* regrets the error.

FURNITURE

ON THE PLAZA

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Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Buiding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meetings
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	today, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	today, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov

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Work begins on bay trail

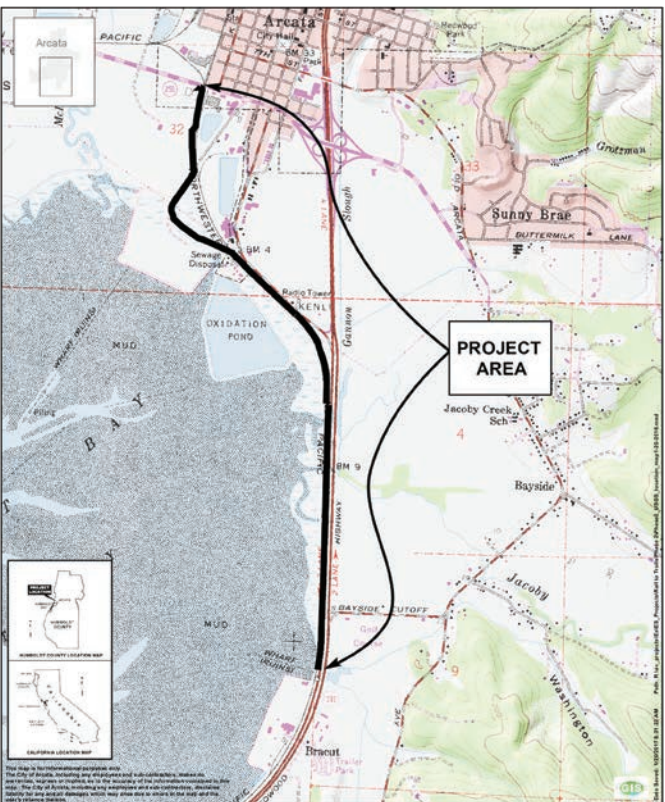
CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata has announced the start of site preparation work for the Humboldt Bay Trail-North.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 23, California Conservation Corps members started work in the Arcata Marsh area and along the railroad corridor to trim and remove vegetation and clean up illicit campsites in preparation for construction this spring.

The Humboldt Bay Trail-North is the northernmost three-mile section of the planned 13-mile-long Humboldt Bay Trail, which will be the backbone of Humboldt County’s envisioned regional trail system.

When complete, the Humboldt Bay Trail will provide a safe, Class I, ADA-accessible trail between Humboldt County’s two largest cities.

The trail is also part of the California Coastal Trail, a network of public trails for walkers, bikers, equestrians, wheelchair riders and others along the 1,200-mile California coastline, which is currently more than half complete.



City of Arcata Humboldt Bay Trail-North Location Map
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Topographic Map: Arcata South Quadrangle
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TRAIL MAP Site clearing for the Humboldt Bay Trail-North, began this week. MAP COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

The City of Arcata was awarded a \$550,000 California State Coastal Conservancy Grant last year for construction of the Humboldt Bay Trail North. Additional funding for the Trail comes from a \$3.6

million Active Transportation Program grant and local funds. This trail has been described as the region’s highest transportation priority by local residents for many years.

❖ PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointment reflects political division

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HUMBOLDT – The reappointment of a controversial Humboldt County planning commissioner is being considered by the Board of Supervisors as a public debate brews.

Supervisor Rex Bohn agendized the reappointment of Planning Commissioner Lee Ulansey at the Jan. 17 Board of Supervisors meeting. But Ulansey is considered a divisive figure by the county’s liberals, and his reappointment has been compared to President Donald Trump’s connections to monied interests.

Before he was appointed to the Planning Commission, Ulansey led the Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights (HumCPR). That group lobbied for entitlements that would raise property values and filed lawsuits against the county.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell was HumCPR’s executive director, a position that was critical to gaining support for her successful supervisor campaign.

Ulansey was a key figure in organizing election support and contributions that shifted the political focus of the Board of Supervisors and the direction of planning efforts such as the General Plan Update.

He also has extensive property holdings in the county.

Ulansey’s term as a commissioner ends on Jan. 31. His seat is one of two that are appointed by the full Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, who had abstained from the original Ulansey appointment vote, supported bumping the reappointment decision to the next meeting to give other candidates a chance to apply.

During a public comment session, Robert Shearer, who is on the executive board of the California Democratic Central Committee, likened Ulansey’s reappointment to Trump’s cabinet picks.

“In the opinions of many of the progressive voters that I represent, the appointment of Lee Ulansey is a blatant and offensive conflict of interest that’s at the expense of everyday underprivileged people and the land,” he said, adding that Ulansey’s being on the commission is “the same fox guarding the henhouse politics” as seen with the Trump administration.

Also during public comment, a woman read a letter from Allen McCloskey, a healthcare union member who is an area delegate to the state’s Democratic Central Committee. He called attention to “Mr. Ulansey’s political and financial connections/contributions to the vast majority of the Board of Supervisors” and described them as conflicts of interest.

Carrie Peyton-Dahlberg, a volunteer for the recent mobile home rent control ballot measure campaign, described Ulansey as an example of appointees who are “diverting from the sentiments of the electorate of the county.”

But Kent Sawatsky, a frequent commenter at public meetings, said the push against Ulansey is in itself politically motivated and ignores the value of his work as a commissioner.

“He does site visits all over the county and does research,” Sawatsky said. “No matter what someone’s political preference is, as has been represented by some of the people here, I do hold those characteristics very high.”

At the time of the meeting, the county had multiple applications for Ulansey’s at-large slot on file. Most date back several years.

After a long discussion on the process for commission reappointments, supervisors neared a vote on whether to postpone Ulansey’s. Bohn said his agendizing it is in line with the way it has been done before, noting that anyone interested in an at-large commission seat can apply anytime.

“I feel strongly that I’ve followed protocol because I did the same damned thing two years ago and it passed without a problem,” he said, referring to the reappointment of Commissioner Dave Edmunds.

Bohn was the only supervisor to vote against postponing Ulansey’s reappointment. The board was scheduled to take it up again at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 24 after the *Union* went to press.

Also at the meeting, Sundberg was unanimously nominated as the board’s choice for the North Coast seat on the California Coastal Commission. Sundberg’s nomination will be considered by Governor Jerry Brown along with those from Mendocino and Del Norte counties, and the region’s cities.

Budget | Uncertainty over legalizing weed

❖ **FROM A3**
could look pretty amazing,” she continued. “But if we have a really bad recession or if we have a lot of outward movement related to legalization of cannabis and people moving to other parts of the state, it would look more toward the bottom.”

Current conditions of several budget funds are concerning. The county Mental Health Fund is facing “challenges,” said Quincy, with the state lagging in its reim-

bursement payments. The Roads Fund has a growing deficit due to declining tax revenue and the county’s Aviation Fund has a structural deficit that has been reduced only due to help from Measure Z.

Earlier in the meeting, Dillingham’s retirement was noted and she was honored for her 30 years of working for the county. She told supervisors, “This is almost as good as it gets as far as the budget goes, so enjoy it.”

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❖ OYSTER PLAN OPPOSITION

Audubon slams project legality

Paul Mann
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EUREKA – Audubon California and EarthJustice, the San Francisco-based environmental law advocate, charge in a joint statement that the lawful certification of the Coast Seafoods Company’s expanded oyster farming project must be ruled out.

The reason: the Final Environmental Impact Report has not received “an adequate review” under the 1970 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In a nine-page letter submitted Jan. 18 to Jack Crider, executive director of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, the two organizations acknowledged the series of modifications made to the 471-page environmental impact report in response to voluminous public comment.

But the two groups argued that “both the project and its impacts remain enormous and have yet to be fully analyzed and disclosed as required by the CEQA.”

Audubon and EarthJustice said the project would increase the Coast Seafoods footprint in neighboring Arcata Bay by 59 percent. It would also continue substantial aquaculture operations in ecologically sensitive East Bay, where expanded basket-on-longline cultivation proposed by the company would increase disruptive farming activity, with more numerous maintenance operations, the environmentalists complained. Regarding foraging and resting habitat, the Audubon letter said the impact report had made “incorrect use of scientific literature in justifying its conclusions of no significant impacts to Brant, other waterfowl and shorebirds.”

Concerning eelgrass, the report improperly relies on “recovery rates observed in previously dredged areas,” Audubon claims. Nor does the impact report present “correct interpretations of the scientific literature” on eelgrass affected by aquaculture.

The environmental groups also decried the impact report on grounds that it does not fulfill the legal mandate to weigh the expansion project’s cumulative impacts over many years of oyster farming. Specifically, Audubon refers to the ongoing consequences for

“the larger ecosystems of Humboldt Bay, the Pacific Flyway and numerous migratory species that travel from Humboldt Bay up and down the West Coast and out to sea.”

In fact, the Audubon correspondence alleges, “The project would create unacceptable and unavoidable impacts to Pacific Black Brant, other waterfowl and shorebirds, due to [Humboldt Bay] disturbance and loss of habitat.”

The environmental impact report rests on faulty logic, Audubon contends. It “continues to assert that because the project’s [short-term] impacts allegedly are not significant, its cumulative impacts” will not be significant, either.

Taking up recent history, Audubon and EarthJustice accused Coast Seafoods of failing to uphold the mitigation measures attached to its existing operations in its 2006 Coastal Development Permit.

The environmentalists also claimed that the company had still not removed long unused aquaculture gear from the bay.

In a shorter, separate missive, the Redwood Region Audubon Society in Eureka dismissed the report’s content about eelgrass and the effects on Black Brant as “often contradictory, poorly organized and fails to justify the proposed mitigation.”

A rival law firm takes a wholly contrary view. Plauche & Carr, LLP, the Seattle-based environmental and natural resource private law partnership, said in a Jan. 19 letter to the bay district that the thousands of public comments submitted to date centered primarily on issues already addressed by the report.

In the words of Plauche & Carr partner Robert M. Smith, “no new significant information or analysis” had emerged from the public which would require the environmental impact report’s revision.

For example, Smith pointed out in an addendum, “Given the lack of an identified significant impact to Brant and the significant amount of local data available on Brant foraging in Humboldt Bay and the observations conducted regarding Brant use of aquaculture gear, additional monitoring is considered unnecessary.”

❖ OYSTER PLAN SUPPORT

Higgins stands firm on project

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – Shortly before the Coast Seafoods project failed to garner a quorum last week, Fifth Division Commissioner Patrick Higgins spoke in strong favor of the company and the Final Environmental Impact Report backing it.

“Coast Seafoods has done so much science related to this bay and it troubles me to hear their science besmirched because ... they have hired the best in the business,” he told the assembled throng at the Woodley Island hearing.

The environmental impact report is a transparent process and, Higgins avowed, “The data are there.”

He appealed to opponents to beware the consequences of analysis-paralysis.

“We’re two years into this now ... and for us to say, ‘Well, Coast can afford it, so let’s defer it’ – I think that’s discriminatory,” he said.

The commissioner, representing one of five seats, pointed out that if the project is ultimately approved, Coast Seafoods will have to spend \$15,000 over a three-year period to pick up trash and detritus around the bay.

The company bills itself as the largest commercial shellfish grower in California, employing about 70 workers in its Humboldt Bay farming and processing operations. That is equivalent to 35 percent of California’s shellfish labor force, according to company statistics.

Coast estimates that if it expands production using 21 percent instead of seven percent of its permitted tidelands, 60 to 70 additional direct jobs would be added to the state’s labor ranks. Coast says it paid about \$3 million in wages in 2014-15, or about 40 percent of total wages paid by California shellfish farmers in 2010. The company boasts that it contributed about \$20,000 in local Humboldt Bay donations in 2014-2015 alone.

Higgins agreed that the scientific data in support of the environmental report are not conclusive. “They certainly are not robust” because the analytical and operational technology is new, he observed.

“However, I will personally make sure that we do something on migratory birds’ cause all you have to do is get yourself some motion-sensing cameras for a hundred bucks and some time-lapse cameras and get yourself some movies into the aquaculture, into a controlled area, and watch the movie.”

In other words, there is no impediment to understanding what the full impact of Coast’s expanded farming would be, he maintained.

Higgins affirmed that the decision on moving from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the expansion plan would be reviewed by the commission, as critics have asked.

“Nothing’s going to happen until [after] this three-year period” of evaluating the impacts of Phase 1, he said.



Patrick Higgins

The Bay District board of commissioners will make an official determination of whether the Phase 1 science findings uphold “very, very low impacts,” as Coast anticipates.

Conceding one of the main criticisms of the environmental report, Higgins said he was sorry that “the [bird] hunters were not fully valued in terms of the way that things were shaped. From my perspective, I do know that the North Bay, the sturgeon up that way and everything that goes on there – it’s crazy, one of the hottest spots [environmentally] probably on the West Coast.”

To assuage that, he noted, the company has agreed to employ “the very good” measure of using 10-foot spacing of oyster culture longlines, which are thought to be much less intrusive to the bay and its ecosystems than 2.5 foot spacing.

The environmental report states that nitrogen removal is one of the main ecosystem benefits provided by cultured shellfish. These shellfish counter pollution via filtration and nitrogen sequestration. Total removal of the nutrients occurs during the harvest of the shell and tissue in which the nutrients are sequestered.

Coast’s annual harvest of approximately 2,700 tons of oysters is estimated to result in the direct removal of some 219 tons nitrogen, based on 2011 data, the report states. “I believe that this is sustainable,” Higgins said, insisting that as a commissioner he too is a critic. “I am a protector of the bay.”

Addressing directly those at last week’s two-and-a-half hour environmental report hearing, Higgins declared, “I think the environmental community and the hunting community should stand up and take a bow right now. You guys ought to give yourselves a hand [because] this [report] has changed dramatically.

“We’re into an experiment [in oyster farming] which, if it’s upheld, shows us a path to natural capital in Humboldt Bay, something that doesn’t despoil. This is not the type of industry we should dismiss wholeheartedly, nor should we protect every stick of eel grass in Humboldt Bay because they’re poisoning San Francisco Bay, and they’re dredging and polluting other bays.”

Of the more than 2,400 email comments the commission received from as far away as Los Angeles, Higgins said he had read all of them and that they “boiled down to Brant avoiding the oyster beds.” But the objections are premature, he indicated, because the science remains to be seen on the potential positive effects of 10-foot spacing.

“I see a lot of fear-based arguments coming forward and I am here to say I’m ready to vote for this,” he declared in closing.

The subsequent vote failed for want of a quorum.

❖ OYSTER PLAN EXPLAINED

What the project would do

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – As spelled out in the contentious Final Impact Report, the Coast Seafoods permit renewal and expansion project would authorize the company to enlarge its oyster farming by a nominal 256 acres.

The net expansion would be 191.3 acres, in keeping with mitigation measures to constrain the impact effects on Humboldt Bay.

The enlargement would be carried out in two phases. The first would develop a new 165.2-acre expanse of

cultch-on-longline and basket-on-longline culture. Cultch is the broken oyster shells and other grit that serve as a seed bed.

Phase 2 expansion, if upheld by first phase scientific data, would comprise 90.8 acres of cultch-on-longline or basket-on-longline. The baskets have differently-sized meshes and water volume capacities.

The environmental impact report predicts no net change in eelgrass area because of the 10-foot line spacing, which is considered less ecologically disruptive

by some and inconclusive by others.

Coast’s requested expansion area lies within the intertidal and subtidal habitats of North Bay and Central Bay. As a whole, the company wants to employ a comprehensive management plan for both its owned and leased shellfish farm expansion, including cultivating Pacific and Kumamoto oysters in existing clam rafts.

The impact report claims, based on the extent of unstructured habitat present in North Bay, that habitat af-

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board vote to approve the environmental report will have to await Wilson’s replacement.

At a two-and-a-half hour evening hearing last week before the parliamentary hurdle arose, the commissioners and an overflow crowd heard support, opposition and appeals for changes to the environmental report. It is a comprehensive and technical document that contains a lengthy series of polygonal pros and cons.

“It’s all intertwined,” Doss explained.

As lead agency, the district board considered the environmental report at length in the form of a resolution. The packed assembly filled the small Harbor District conference room on Woodley Island, overrunning the 50-seat occupancy limit and trailing out the front door, sitting on the floor in front of the dais and overflowing into an anteroom.

The stalled environmental report affirms that Coast’s project “will not be detrimental to the air, land, environment and ecology of the land,” subject to 14 terms and conditions spelled out in the farming permit.

At the center of the debate was the “East Bay Management Area Avoidance Alternative,” one of five frameworks considered in assembling the environmental report. In a concession to environmentalists, the avoidance alternative calls for a 30 percent rollback, or 470.7 acres, in the expanded farming area that Coast Seafoods originally sought.

Coupled to that abatement, further mitigation and conservation measures would require the company, among other things, to remove one acre of existing planted area for every four acres of new cultivation.

In response to stakeholder concerns about the earlier draft environmental impact report, the “East Bay Management Area Avoidance Alternative” was conceived to forestall further environmental impacts on eelgrass, Black Brant (Pacific Brent Goose), green sturgeon, boating and on recreational hunting. For example, it would remove all proposed expansion areas from East Bay and consolidate Coast’s operations around Bird Island and Mad River.

“Based on the best available science,” the Final Environmental Impact Report says, “it is estimated that Coast’s existing culture operations result in the suppression of approximately 81 acres of eelgrass growth within Coast’s planted area. That estimate is 56 acres less than the impact estimated by the Coastal Commission” in 2006.

Accordingly, “There is no predicted net change to eelgrass areal extent under the proposed project.”

Although the company has embraced a holistic mitigation, conservation and adaptive management program, it did not dispel the ongoing chorus of environmental objections raised again at last week’s hearing. Some 20 speakers were allotted three minutes each to air their views, including representatives of the Northcoast Environmental Center, Humboldt Baykeeper,

the Wiyots, hunters and County Supervisor Wilson, who offered suggestions for strengthening the report while remaining neutral as to its adoption.

Small-scale oyster farmers and several Coast employees also spoke, mostly in favor of the expansion project. Audubon Eureka and California weighed in with highly critical written statements submitted to the commissioners the day before the hearing.

Larry Glass, board president of the Northcoast Environmental Center, rose in defense of eelgrass, declaring, “We shouldn’t lose one blade of it; it’s too precious a commodity.” (The environmental impact report states, “There is no predicted net change to eelgrass areal extent under the proposed project.”)

But Glass said the final impact report “is one of the better ones” if the commissioners “patch it up, fill the holes” – meaning more protection, for example, of migratory birds.

The amended environmental impact report comprises two expansion phases and Glass recommended adopting Phase 1 and collecting the data and scientific analysis resulting from it before giving Coast the go-ahead on Phase 2. That way, the district board would know whether the mitigation and management measures taken over a three-to-five year monitoring period had been effective, before authorizing a second round of expanded harvesting.

Humboldt Baykeeper’s director, Jennifer Kalt, agreed that overall the expansion project “has come a long way since it was first proposed.” But she urged the commissioners to strengthen the management

and decision making procedures to be followed in the transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2. To that end, she asked that local nongovernmental organizations, small-scale oyster farmers and independent scientists be included in the advisory panel that reviews the Phase 1 science findings and provides findings and recommendations for Phase 2.

The reality is that government agencies “are always narrowly focused on their mission and their mission only,” Kalt admonished. “Furthermore they can often be politically driven, not by choice of the staff scientists but by the higher-ups; we see that time and time again.”

Hence in her view the need for more grassroots involvement in the advisory panel to thwart political conniving.

A Wiyot representative whose name was inaudible said the district had failed to conduct the required intergovernmental consultations with Native Americans in pulling together the environmental impact report.

Fifth Division Commissioner Higgins disputed that head-on, saying the board had solicited and received responses not only from the Wiyot, but also from the Blue Lake and Bear River Band rancherias.

Supervisor Wilson neither endorsed nor opposed the environmental impact report. He backed Kalt’s appeal for a broad advisory committee. If that panel recommended allowing Coast to go ahead with Phase 2, it should be subject to review by the commission, so that the decision “is transparent and open to the public,” he said.

Higgins promised the commission would review it.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Arcata Police K9 retires

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – Arcata Police Service Canine Zari is retiring after eight and a half years of dedicated service to the community. Zari, the K9 partner of Sergeant Ron Sligh, is retiring due to normal age-related ailments that make it no longer practical for him to serve.

Zari began his service to the City of Arcata in June 2008; his official last day was Jan. 13. Zari is a sable colored German Shepherd that was born March 23, 2007 in the Czech Republic. He was imported to the United States by the Witmer-Tyson Kennels of Menlo Park in June 2008.

Sligh and Zari attended the basic patrol handler's course in Newark, Calif., which culminated in the Police Officers Standard's in Training (POST) certification. Since attending the basic handlers course, Sligh and Zari have attended thousands of hours of maintenance training and certified annually to POST Standards.

During his career, Zari responded to numerous high risk incidents in the City of Arcata and all over Humboldt County. As part of mutual aid requests from almost all law enforcement agencies in the county, Zari has been a regional asset. Some of the more notable incidents that Zari has been involved in are:

- In 2009, Zari assisted in the apprehension of a home invasion robbery suspect who attempted to flee the scene.
- Also in 2009, Zari came to the aid of Sligh in arresting a suspect who was violently resisting arrest and who had assaulted Sligh.
- Again in 2009, Sligh and Zari responded to assist the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team in searching a vehicle that had crashed during a high speed pursuit, near Willow Creek. The suspects in the vehicle had committed an armed robbery and had been shooting at pursuing officers during the pursuit.
- In 2013, Zari located a double homicide suspect who was hiding in the bushes.
- Zari and Sligh assisted the Humboldt County Sheriff's SWAT Team in the apprehension of two homicide suspects in the Samoa Dunes.
- Zari was part of the multi-agency response to search for a homicide suspect in Petrolia.
- Zari assisted in the apprehension of another homicide suspect. Zari was called in by Humboldt County District Attorney Investigators to search a residence where a vehicular manslaughter suspect was hiding. Zari located the suspect hiding under a bed.

Zari was present at over 1,000 arrests during his career. In the vast majority of those arrests, the suspects were taken into custody without resisting or attempting to flee. Within in the last month, Sligh and Zari were able to arrest a felony warrant suspect, who has a history of fleeing, without incident.

Zari and Sligh conducted many K9 demonstrations over the years for schools and community groups. Zari has enjoyed interacting with the department's staff and made a special friendship with Police Services Assistant Bev Bence in the department's front office.

Zari will enjoy his retirement in the care of the Sligh family.

Deputy coroner retires

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – Sheriff Mike Downey and the members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office thank Deputy Coroner Roy Horton for his 20 years of service to the citizens of Humboldt County.

Horton began his career with the City of Arcata in 1993 as a reserve police officer and was hired by the Humboldt County Coroner's Office as a deputy coroner in 1996. During his time with the Coroner's Office, Horton became a field training officer, a lifetime member of the California State Coroner's Association and member of the Humboldt County Child Death Review Team.

Horton is an educator as well, teaching drug and alcohol education classes at local high schools and elementary schools, and Coroner Investigations at the College of the Redwoods Police Academy, which he will continue to do after retirement.

Sheriff Mike Downey, the Humboldt County Supervisors, and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office wish Roy Horton and his family a long, productive and well-deserved retirement.

SUICIDE PREVENTED On Wednesday, Jan. 18 Humboldt County Sheriffs deputies responded to a Bayside residence on a report that a 58-year-old man had threatened suicide if law enforcement officers came to the door of his residence. Deputies set up a perimeter around the residence and began to evacuate nearby residents. Mental Health and the Sheriff's Crisis Negotiations Team responded to assist. Crisis negotiators made phone contact with the subject and convinced him to exit the residence unarmed. The subject was taken into custody without further incident and transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Alcohololyte associates & crouchiform crackpots

• **Tuesday, December 27 12:03 p.m.** As part of a little contagion-transfer festival at the transit center, a trio of liquid-luncheoning men circulated a can of Red Bull and a thermos containing an alcoholic elixir of some sort. Spirits were as high as the pathogen vectors up until one of the three merrymakers “vomited all over,” always an untimely, buzzkillian faux pas. Things went downhill from there as some special someone – the vomiteer or one of his alcohololyte associates – was arrested for public drunkenness.

12:54 p.m. As a man and woman argued on Janes Road, another man driving a truck pulled over to assist the woman. The Good Samaritan was then reportedly pulled from the vehicle by the man, and assaulted. At some point, he drove off and the warring couple separated.

1 p.m. A man dressed all in black stood near a tree at 14th and K streets, waving a large knife around.

11:51 p.m. A man who’d broken into an L.K. Wood Boulevard woman’s home was found hiding under her roommate’s bed. When confronted, he darted out the door but remained in the area for a time.

• **Wednesday, December 28 3:14 a.m.** A man using the semi-indestructible courtesy phone outside the cop shop spoke nonsensically about two bald guys following him around.

11:49 a.m. A woman filled out a credit application in the bathroom of a Valley West golden arches, as one does, only to somehow lose the form. It was then found by a stranger and returned to her along with some credit cards that had been opened in her name.

1:05 p.m. A man at the Arcata Branch Library deputized himself as the Bathroom Sheriff, lingering there and arguing with others who longed only to relieve themselves without strife. The toilet-loiterer was stripped of his command and moved along.

8:28 p.m. A woman carrying a large green bag showed up at an Old Arcata Road front door, asking if the resident had any bicycles to sell.

• **Thursday, December 29 8:16 a.m.** For a 12th Street woman, it was time to head out to work. But for two men in an old blue SUV who pulled up near her house, it was time to get out the glass pipe and start chugging away.

11:12 a.m. A pit bull locked inside a car at the marsh made a mission out of escaping. It managed to rip out trim around the window, which it had pushed down a little bit.

• **Friday, December 30 1:49 a.m.** “Get off me!” yelled a woman from the darkness of Alliance Road. A man yelled back unintelligibly.

4:52 a.m. A shoplifter made off with Red Bull and pastries from a union-town supermarket.

9:57 p.m. A loud band blasted from an Old Arcata Road warehouse.

• **Saturday, December 31 1:01 a.m.** In what turned out to be an unfounded report, a man reported being held hostage in the back of a tractor-trailer rig on Valley West Boulevard. His captor, he said, was his own father, who was suicidal and outside the rig breaking things. But police found the sitch not as described.

7:34 a.m. The contents of a Valley West restaurant’s dumpster were set ablaze the previous night.

10:43 a.m. Someone keeps calling a South G Street woman asking for clothing.

11:44 a.m. Yet another black-clad

man, this one topped with a White Sox hat, was aggressive in his requests that Farmers’ Market vendors trade their goods for pot and LSD. Unsuccessful, he hung out at the McKinley statue’s feet until an officer came and moved him along.

1:03 p.m. A man at a downtown gas station reported his girlfriend dehydrated and cramping up badly. She could be heard in the background saying, “Help me.” An ambulance was summoned to the scene.

1:38 p.m. A driver in a car with dealer plates plowed into Bayside Park Farm’s fence. In slurred speech, she explained that she was “really tired,” then threw the car in reverse, backed up and drove away northbound on Old Arcata Road.

4:47 p.m. A man with shoulder-length blonde hair, a green long-sleeved shirt and tan pants exposed himself to a family near the Marsh Interpretive Center.

5:35 p.m. Credit cards from a purse stolen in Trinidad were being used at gas stations in Arcata.

10:26 p.m. New Year’s Eve calls for service reflected the evening’s general non-frenzy, with a traveler reported sleeping on a 14th Street porch.

• **Sunday, New Year’s Day 12:05 a.m.** A woman passed out drunk near the downtown fire station.

7:54 a.m. A Valley West motel was unattended, with no employees in sight and irate guests walking around behind the counter in the lobby. Customer service at the corporate office was called, and personnel there tried to make contact with the person responsible for the motel, but were unsuccessful.

• **Monday, January 2 10:08 a.m.** If the person who left a wallet and iPod in an unlocked car on East 14th Street was plotting a way to file a theft report, they were spectacularly successful.

11:52 a.m. A woman turned up at the hospital wishing to “turn herself in” for embezzlement.

12:30 p.m. A man in the Emergency Room claimed he’d been kidnapped in Stockton two weeks previous, then released here.

1:44 p.m. A man riding a bicycle at 11th and L streets somehow carried a bag of recyclables in one hand and a hunk of a wrought iron fence in the other.

3:15 p.m. A man afflicted with autism and schizophrenia was said to have flooded his home with water.

3:37 p.m. Two men of a certain age – certainly old enough to know better – hung out on a bench behind the transit center with multiple backpacks, property and trash strewn about. From this unkempt base of operations they conducted two-pronged passerby outreach, offering harassment and cannabis for sale.

5:49 p.m. An Olsen Court resident had noticed a large man he didn’t know looking at his house a few days ago. This day, the man was back, ringing the doorbell. But he walked away before the resident could get to the door.

7:03 p.m. Someone called saying that an L.K. Wood Boulevard resident was in the hospital, and the housesitter wasn’t feeding the cat or even letting it inside.

7:27 p.m. A man with red hair, green shirt and blue jeans was reported camping on a bench inside a Valley West supermarket.

8 p.m. A man with long blonde hair, a camouflage jacket and blue jeans refused to leave a Valley West golden arches, and was arrested on a public drunkenness charge.



8:51 p.m. An L.K. Wood resident reported that a neighbor was harassing him, and may have stolen his cat.

10:23 p.m. A woman previously banished from a Valley West gas station screamed and threw things there. Then, having meted out vengeance, hit the emergency pump shutoff and stalked away.

11:01 p.m. A Valley West motel lodger’s alcohol withdrawal was so severe that he needed an ambulance.

• **Tuesday, January 3 2:17 a.m.** A woman reported purchasing a gold Toyota Camry from two people in the parking lot of a Valley West burger joint. But the deal hit a snag when the two sellers – a man and a woman with two large dogs – refused to move away from the vehicle.

7:01 a.m. A woman at a Valley West golden arches said she was being chased and needed to be somewhere safe. Fifteen minutes later, a person with a stolen car was arrested there.

10:11 a.m. An unwary traveler’s property, left defenseless in a car parked at a Valley West motel, was smash and grabbed, per routine.

11:17 a.m. A mysterious man left a black box inside a Janes Road business, then took off southbound. This forced an employee evacuation, with workers huddled in a breezeway for a time.

11:38 a.m. Oh, to be present on that glorious day when a scarf ‘n’ scammer who eats and runs without paying gets clapped in irons by a passing cop outside a Plaza restaurant which is plagued by this innkeeper-defrauding activity.

2:54 p.m. A man said he rented a Valley West motel room, and that night had a fight with his girlfriend, then left. On returning the next day, he found the room trashed and the woman missing. She texted him that she had invited some “other people” into the room.

• **Wednesday, January 4 7:31 a.m.** Someone broke a window on a city vehicle and stole the car battery near the Community Center.

9:32 a.m. A city box trailer was disassembled and placed on blocks near that selfsame Community Center.

11:54 a.m. A curly-haired man crouched insistently between gas pumps at an Alliance Road mini-mart. He didn’t respond when asked to cease his crouch-quest, so police came and arrested him.

12:54 p.m. Just down the road, yet another crouchiform crackpot squatted about, peering into a mud puddle, climbing a utility pole and babbling nonsensically. He too was arrested, and may have struck up a friendship with his fellow crouching enthusiast in the Pink House.

7:51 p.m. A bearded man in a camo jacket was easily observed beating on the windows of a silver sedan with someone inside parked on Ariel Way, and taking pictures of it.

10:51 p.m. A man in a fur coat stole four bags of candy from a Uniontown store, then raced away southbound on F Street, his progress aided by an aerodynamically optimized backwards baseball cap.

• **Friday, January 6 7:59 a.m.** The third car burglary in a week posed an extra challenge for an Antoinette Court resident. Her car windows were iced over, so she couldn’t tell whether there was anyone still lurking inside. She asked an officer to come out and check, and her concern was determined to be unfounded.

Gas station robbed, two suspects arrested

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – On Wednesday, Jan. 18 at approximately 11:41 a.m., the Arcata Police Department Communications Center received a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred at a gas station in the 2200 block of Alliance Road.

The clerk reported a man entered the business, displayed a firearm and demanded cash. After taking the money, the man fled in a vehicle. The clerk was able to provide an accurate description of the suspect and his vehicle, including a partial license plate number. Arcata Police officers immediately began searching the area for the suspect and vehicle.

At approximately 11:50 a.m., a Humboldt State University

Police Officer assisting in the search located the suspect vehicle traveling westbound on Highway 255. Arcata Police officers responded to the area and the vehicle was stopped near the intersection of Lupin Drive and Highway 255. The two male occupants of the vehicle were detained without incident. The clerk from the victim business was able to positively identify one of the subjects as the man who had robbed the business at gunpoint.

A firearm, consistent with the one used in the robbery, and cash were located in the vehicle.

Desmon Isaac Van, 19, of McKinleyville and Lucas Sebastian Herrera, 20, of Manila were arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of armed robbery.



Desmon Isaac Van



Lucas Sebastian Herrera

BACK TO SCHOOL

CR commits to men of color

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

NORTHERN HUMBOLDT – College of the Redwoods has joined the Community College Equity Assessment Lab National Consortium on College Men of Color. Participation in the consortium will enhance CR’s commitment to improving the success of historically underrepresented and underserved students, including men of color.

“We are excited to be able to collaborate with CCEAL to provide professional development opportunities to our faculty,” said Interim President Keith Snow-Flamer. “This will help us move the needle in regards to student equity.”

Despite programs designed to enhance outcomes for men of color, in the United States only 17 percent of black men and 15 percent of Latino men earn a certificate, degree or transfer from a community college to a four-year institution in six years. Figures for men from other ethnic groups (e.g., Native American, Southeast Asian) also indicate a need for improvement.

To combat this achievement gap, the consortium facilitates an exchange of ideas between community colleges across the nation on how best to serve men of color in our educational institutions. Community colleges convene to share their efforts and learn about new strategies for enhancing the success of men of color.

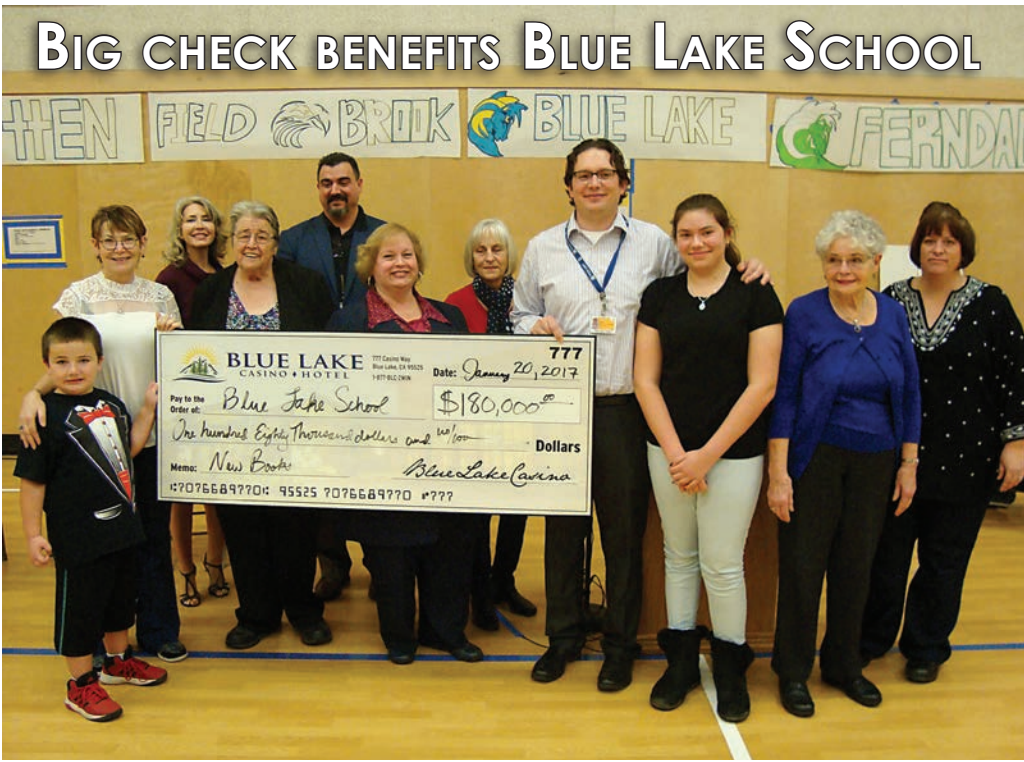
As a consortium member, College of the Redwoods will have access to webinars on men on color and to the virtual discussion board, as well as participate in information-sharing on promising practices with other community colleges and in an annual working group meeting in San Diego.

College of the Redwoods’ engagement in the consortium will enhance professional development for faculty and staff, enable informed interventions for their current programs serving men of color, and inspire new initiatives addressing challenges facing these men.

“I am proud of the commitment our district has made to promote diversity on our campuses,” said President of CR’s Board of Trustees Sally Biggin “Equal access, as well as success, remains one of our top priorities.”

Launched in February 2015, the Community College Equity Assessment Lab has already seen much success in information-sharing between community colleges. An average of more than 1,000 consortium members participates in each webinar.

“This innovative group of college leaders will be instrumental in implementing cutting-edge practices and policies to address the achievement gap facing underrepresented men,” said Dr. J. Luke Wood, co-director of the lab.



BIG GIFT At their Jan. 20 assembly, left, Blue Lake School received a check for \$180,000 from Blue Lake Rancheria to assist with various education programs. According to school secretary Tatiana McDermond, the rancheria usually makes an annual donation of some \$40,000 to the school’s music, arts and drama programs. The school plans to use the additional funds to help develop their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) areas and provide new books, among other things. To say thank you, the students, below, sang “Love in Any Language” by Sandi Patty. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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OPINIONNews

Attempting to gain understanding

It is Jan. 20, 2017, Inauguration Day. The events of the day: the arrival of the entire Trump family at the beautiful Episcopal Church near Lafayette Park; the warm greeting by President and Mrs. Obama to President-Elect and and Mrs. Trump at the White House; the motorcade with Vice President Biden and Vice President-Elect Pence and the President and President-Elect riding together to the Capitol; the gracious greetings between legislators, cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, past presidents and their wives, and the family of the new president on the Capitol steps; the Marine Band, Missouri State College Choir, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performing “America the Beautiful” and 16-year old soprano Jackie Evancho singing the “Star Spangled Banner;” and the prayers by Jewish and Christian religious leaders, has been uplifting and hopeful. Seeing President and Mrs. Carter, President and Mrs. Clinton, President and Mrs. George W. Bush, and President and Mrs. Obama together, smiling, hugging, talking on the Inaugural stage brought tears to my eyes.

At the end of the Inaugural ceremony, every dignitary stopped to pay their respects to Senator Bob Dole, in a wheelchair, next to his wife Elizabeth. President George W. Bush said that his father, President George H.W. Bush, in hospital, was better. The Trumps escorted the Obamas to Marine One for their departure to Andrews Air Force Base and the flight to California. At the Inauguration luncheon hosted by Congress in Statuary Hall, our new President Trump and Mrs. Clinton shook hands cordially. I watched it on C-Span! Admiral Rev. Barry Black gave a moving, unifying prayer, as he does every day in the Senate, as an invocation at the luncheon. Regardless of affiliations, ambitions, joy, pain or regret, the country’s leaders at the Inauguration and at the Statuary Hall luncheon set an example of dignity and grace, as did the former and new presidents.

It is unimaginable that any member of the House of Representatives would deliberately forego attendance at this unifying event, a symbol to every citizen and every nation around the world of what it is like to transfer power peacefully every four or

eight years in the United States of America. It seems that another day to complain, boycott, or speak in opposition might be selected. On this Inauguration Day, only gratitude for being able to live in the United States of America freely and to have the honor of witnessing change of administrations needs to be expressed.

I received an email invitation to participate in two “protest” events this weekend. Here is my response to one of them:

“Thank you for notifying me about this event, but I prefer to respectfully and carefully listen to the inaugural address of the new president. C-Span has been showing the inaugural address-

es of past presidents in the latter part of the 20th century and into the 21st century for several days. Paying attention to the words, and the promise of each president, irrespective of party, is a joyful reminder of how the peaceful transition of responsibility from one administration to the next can be an uplifting experience for us all. I don’t feel like protesting or criticizing anyone. Inauguration Day on Jan. 20 should be a day of gratitude, tolerance, learning and listening. We have much for which to be grateful in our amazingly diverse and accepting country if we only choose to look for the best in ourselves and in others, and this includes the new administration.

We do not know very much yet and perhaps our time in the next days and weeks might be well spent listening and attempting to gain understanding. The many C-Span broadcast hearings on cabinet nominees has been highly instructive and informative. It is notable that in the hours of questions and answers between the Senate committee members and the nominees, what is discussed bears little resemblance to what one hears on the fast-breaking news or on the internet. Perhaps we should do what Mrs. Clinton suggested after the late night returns on Nov. 8, 2016, and that is to ‘keep an open mind’ about our newly-elected president. If the sky is falling, I prefer to commit to trying to understand why it is doing so.”

After years of writing “Trinidad Notes” for the McKinleyville Press, Patti Fleschner now writes the weekly “Trinidad Tidings” column for the Union.

Bag Ban | Compliance?

❖ FROM A1
er-approved law went into effect the day after the election, surprising many people, including herself. She added that while implementation has been quick, the responsibility for enforcing the law remains unsettled.

“People are still sorting out what enforcement looks like,” said Dillingham. She said that in the law, “There’s an implication that the [local] district attorney and the [state’s] attorney general are the enforcement offices.”

Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming “reached out” to the state’s District Attorney Task Force and “their opinion is that CalRecycle should be the enforcement agent,” Dillingham said, referring to the state’s waste reduction agency.

But she added that CalRecycle’s website “specifically says that they are not the enforcement agent” and “this still remains to be worked out.”

Supervisor Virginia Bass noted that there are local stores that are violating the law by continuing to provide single use bags.

“As soon as the law was passed, we started to get shoppers contacting us to ‘tattle’ on stores,” said Maggie Gainer of Zero Waste Humboldt. “And it’s like, ‘You’re the shopper – you’ve got the dollar

in your hand.”

Gainer said customers can influence compliance by asking when a store in violation will make the switch to reusable plastic bags.

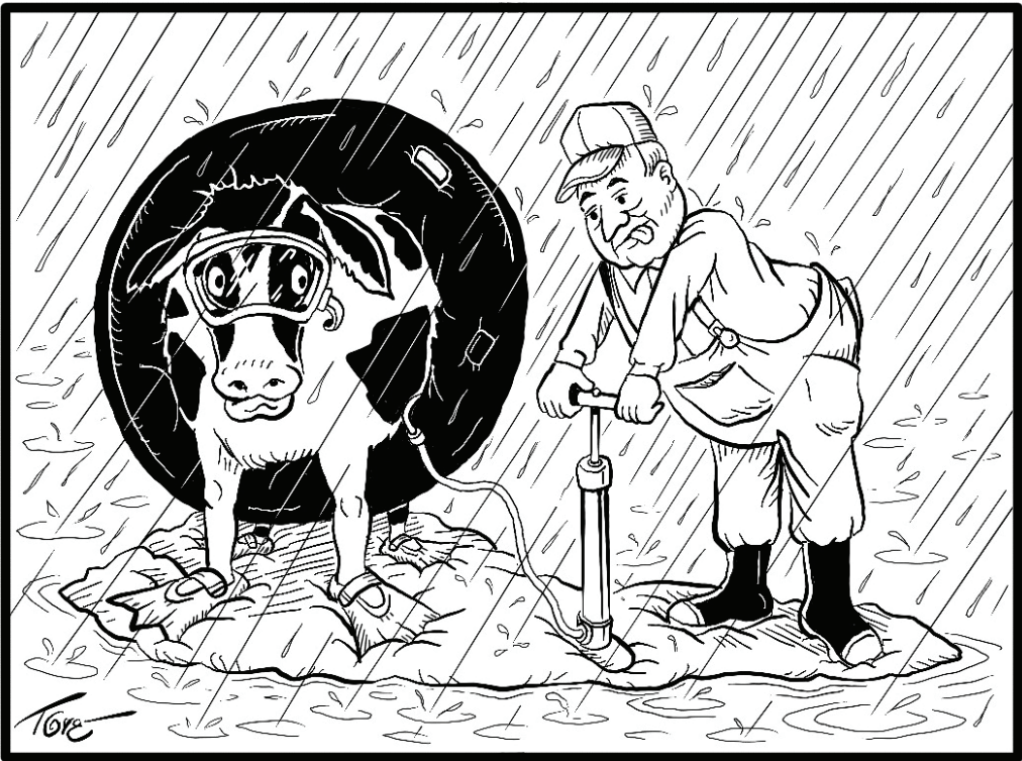
Supervisor Rex Bohn said it’s not surprising that some stores still have plastic bags on hand, since they order them in bulk and want to clear their inventories before making the switch to reusable bags.

“They find it redundant to throw 12,000 plastic bags in the trash when the idea is we’re trying to get 12,000 bags out of the trash,” he continued. “So I don’t think they’re doing anything dishonest and for some of the small volume stores, they buy their bags twice a year.”

Bohn added that the level of local compliance is satisfactory. “We’re legislating people’s habits, which I really love, but I think we can depend on our business community to follow the law,” he said.

Gainer told supervisors that the new law’s intent is to change shoppers’ behavior by charging them for bags. Doing that encourages them to either reuse the bags they’ve bought or to bring their own bags to the store.

Dillingham said the law requires revenue from the bag sales to go to implementation of the program or educational outreach on waste reduction. She said that locally, Zero Waste Humboldt is advancing an education campaign.



News Item: It has been raining quite a lot.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Onward to D.C.

Well, here’s installment numero uno on my journey to D.C. for the Women’s March. I’ve made it to Phoenix, and have about 45 minutes ’til take off for Philadelphia. There have been women throughout this airport and Sacto wearing their little pink hats, T-shirts, carrying signs, and even self-made suffragette banners. They are friendly, talkative and full of camaraderie and sisterhood. It’s exciting. Everyone has seemed to be given the same safety instructions: “Stay by the edge of the crowd. Watch, listen, beware. Carry a handkerchief to cover nose and mouth. Go potty as often as possible!” A Phoenix junior college professor and I were laughing that there’d be no one in the middle. The wifi doesn’t seem to want to work. The bad part is that the inauguration of he-who-can’t-be-named has been on the TVs and there are speakers throughout broadcasting. I found a quiet area where there’s only the murmur in the background. The part I heard as I passed through sounded its usual alarmist and negative narrative. I didn’t want to hear it and see him. Perhaps I’ll read it later.

But, aside from that, it’s fun to be in the company of so many women. The Baltimore flight looked like it would be a hoot. I’m so thankful for everyone who made this possible for me. Yes, I’ll be there for all of us back home, and linking up with wonderful women. I’ll continue sending if I can find wifi that’s really working. Onward!!

Oh, I was able to get a good cup of tea.
Carilyn Hammer
Arcata



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❖ LETTERS

Rex says rank roo

On the night of Jan. 18, I was walking my dog over in the new pedestrian walkway over by 12th Street in Arcata. At night, I often let my very nice well-mannered terrier Rex off the leash to sniff freely. For months, there has never been an issue with this. He walks much faster than me, so I like to give him a 20 minute romp right before bed (I also take him for a proper run in the day). That night, he saw a raccoon, and raced over towards the car wash on 11th. Imagine my horror when I saw the pair race down a slope, through blackberry bushes, through a storm pond and into a pipe. I heard screams of pain from both animals. I slid into the water and tried to coax Rex out, but it was pitch black. In desperation, I called the APD.

Officers Chris Wilson and Brandon Parker came and spent the next 45 minutes with me, Officer Wilson and I both thigh-high in the cold water, cajoling Rex 20 feet backwards out of the rusty narrow pipe. The officers were so professional, kind, and patient. I am so grateful I live in a town where wonderful officers show me community spirit in action. I cannot thank APD and Officers Wilson and Parker enough! What kind and caring officers! Rex is exhausted and has many cuts and bruises but will be okay. I hope he has learned his lesson. I have about taking him off-leash in town!

Jada C. Brotman
Arcata

No small thing

Recently, I had a flat tire on a rainy night in McKinleyville. The first safe location was Eureka Natural Foods, where I went inside to call AAA and wait for help. An employee responded to my discomfort and offered me a cup of tea while I waited.

A small kindness. A reminder of light in the world. No small thing really.

Barbara Brimlow
McKinleyville

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Oyster Plan | Different microclimates in bay

❖ FROM A4
fected by the enlargement would be a tiny portion, 0.7 percent, of what is available.

“That does not mean that there is no change to these habitats, only that the change is limited to a relatively small component of North Bay,” the environmental impact report acknowledges.

The environmental impact report notes that various regions in Humboldt Bay have different microclimate and water states, which can affect oyster growth rates and harvest conditions. “Water conditions in

Humboldt Bay are such that one growing area may be closed for harvest while others may be open. Therefore, Coast proposes using areas throughout [its] owned and leased areas for culture, as a risk minimization measure,” according to the environmental impact report.

The company concedes that the expansion project may cause what it characterized as “the sporadic flushing of birds, due to noise from boats and Coast’s operations.”

But only two to three additional boat trips per day would result under the proj-

ect, the company says. To curb impacts on Brant hunting, aquaculture operations would avoid primary Black Brant hunting areas in the East Bay during the hunting season.

The environmental impact report asserts that the increased 10-foot spacing would permit passage through areas planted with longlines for most boats used for hunting. “Even if hunters choose not to hunt within Coast’s planted footprint,” the document states, “there are still ample areas available for hunting in North Bay and South Bay, including all areas designated as prime hunting areas by the Harbor District.”

Concerning mitigation measures, Coast promises to cooperate with regulators in helping to eliminate pollution, including agricultural, industrial and municipal discharges.

It pledges to collect water quality samples as part of monitoring programs with federal and state agencies (e.g., National Shellfish Sanitation Program) to track quality trends and pinpoint locations needing improvement.

The company also says it will continue to assist local and state organizations (e.g., Humboldt Baykeeper) to improve water quality conditions within the estuaries where shellfish aquaculture occurs.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE Arcata’s newly formed Public Safety Task Force meets tonight, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Arcata City Council Chamber, 736 F St.

Agenda items include a review of the *Commission, Committee, and Task Force Handbook, Rules and Procedures for Task Force Meetings*; election of chair; election of vice chair; a summary of formation, purpose and goals; a review of Arcata crime statistics; review and future action; identification of preliminary priorities; setting short-term actionable items; oral communications; discussion of items for the next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Public Safety Task Force members appointed by the council are Corliss Bennett-McBride, Joshua Neff, Anjali Browning, Bryan Radzin, Danielle Dickerson, Gregory Xavier Rodriguez, Brooke Epperly, Tracy Smith, Melissa Lazon, Darlene Spoor, Maureen McGarry and Stephanie McCaleb. The city staff liaison is Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman, task force secretary is Cassie Moore, police services assistant.

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SHOPPING SPREE Frank and Danika Mott, winners of the CASA Kids Walk raffle, raced through the aisles of Wildberries Marketplace for a three-minute, \$500 shopping spree on Jan. 17. Staff and customers cheered them on as they filled their cart and hustled back to the register without a second to spare. Wildberries Marketplace donates this shopping spree every year to benefit the CASA Kids Walk.

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sounds like a *Twilight Zone* story. Imagine an Insane Clown Posse-style Ronald McDonald fronting a Black Sabbath cover band with guys dressed in outfits with an equally twisted Grimace, the Hamburger, etc. The result: **Mac Sabbath** with Ronald Osbourne, Slayer MacCheeze, GrimAlice and the Catburglar, "for an epic night of drive thru metal — a feast for the senses," based around Sabbath songs with twisted burger and fries lyrics.

Opening the show from some other part of Bizarro World (aka htraE), **Metalachi**, "the world's first and only heavy metal mariachi band," who promise to "Make America Fun Again," if they can get past the infamous "wall." (They're actually from Hollywood.)

Meanwhile up on campus at the Van Duzer, it's something else you've never heard before: **Black Violin**, a jazzy, hip-hopesque



THE HUM
Bob Doran

band with two classically-trained string players, **Kev Marcus** and **Wil B** (aka Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste) on violin and viola respectively, backed by a drummer and a turntablist. Drawing inspiration from the late great black swing era jazz fiddler Stuff Smith, they borrowed the name from the man's last album, *Black Violin*. Kev and Wil say, "As black men living in America, we understand challenges and we also understand the power of 'I can't,' yet we decide to live by and promote the power of 'I can.' We realize that every opportunity to connect our diverse fans is an opportunity to break down the barriers that separate us, empower individuality and encourage progress."

Later at the Jam, it's a Whomp Wednesday "Sound Culture" show with the return of Angel Rubio-Hale aka **OnHell**, a producer who used to live in Humboldt then relocated to Oakland and joined forces with bass-heavy label STYLS, short for "stop taking your life so seriously" (not that Angel doesn't take things seriously). Sharing the bill: **Dub Smugglers**, a reggae-ish sound system all the way from Manchester, UK, and **Tanasa Ras**, a Humboldt home-grown type, associated with the Void sound system provided by Bass Craft. "The only good system is a sound system," they claim.

More on a Wednesday? Really? Really. At the Alibi, upsidedowncross presents black metal from Arcata's **Ash Borer**, just back from a West Coast tour behind a new release, *The Irrepassable Gate*, that took

THE HUM ♦ B2

A good life

You know how you feel some mornings when you wake up and don't want to get up? The world just doesn't feel right, like you've slipped into an alternative reality. "It's a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity, the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge ..." as Rod Serling put it.

Maybe it was the virus I was fighting off

that took me into the *Twilight Zone*. I slept 12 hours straight one day, having strange dreams that drew on "It's a Good Life," a frightening episode by Mr. Serling where people living the "good life" were scary. A monster had arrived in the village, a young powerful boy who magically wished people off to the cornfield when he didn't like what they were thinking. He took away things he didn't like, "because they displeased him — and he moved an entire community back into the dark ages."

Getting down to Hummish things, we start with a double bill on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Blue Lake Casino's Sapphire Palace that



♦ THEATRE REVIEW



IT'S GONNA BE OK The dark shadow of Jud (Jonathan Moreno) looms over all-American sweetheart Laurey (Jo Kuzelka) and Curly (Jordan Dobbins) in North Coast Rep's *Oklahoma!*

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Oh ... klahoma OK

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — What could be more American on Inauguration weekend than launching a production of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*? The classic musical — a staple of amateur theatricals — tells the story of two love triangles set against a backdrop of deep, sometimes violent, social division (farmers vs. cowmen) and peppered with traditionally American songs.

North Coast Repertory Theatre's current production is like opening up a bag of Toll House cookies, that classic made-right-here-in-America treat.

Right away, you bite into a big gooey chunk of chocolate, Jordan Dobbins' clear and assured voice declaring "There's a bright golden haze on the meadow!" from the back of the house. By the time he gets to the stage, you

OKLAHOMA! ♦ B3

MAD HATTERS RECLAIM

'PUSSY' POWER

PUSSY POSSE Mad hatter Lauraine Leblanc, left, supplied pink pussy hats to friends Janine Volkmar and Kim Durham, among others, for the Women's Marches in Eureka and Washington, D.C.

JDD | UNION

Knitters and crocheters made a statement with the Pussy Hat Project; here's the story of one mad hatter

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — A local woman has been making crocheted cat hats for years. With the current movement for wearing pink pussy hats as a political statement, her production has catapulted into overtime.

Lauraine Leblanc's crocheted hats are now purring all over the country. Her hat-making frenzy was spurred

by the Pussy Hat Project (pussyhat-project.com), and initiative co-founded by fellow Californians Krista Suh and Jayna Zweiman. The mission of the project was to provide attendees of the Jan. 21 Women's March on Washington D.C. "a means to make a unique collective visual statement which will help activists be better heard."

The impetus behind the initiative was to reclaim the term President

Trump used in an infamous 2005 live-mic recording, in which he claimed to sexually assault women by grabbing their genitals.

Like many women, Leblanc got mad, then she got busy. "I made about a dozen pink hats that I sent off to D.C. with local women who went for the march," she said.

But Leblanc, an artist, published author, activist and editor of the Scene section of the *Mad River Union*, didn't stop there.

"After I donated hats to the D.C. crew, I still had some overstock from the last craft fair I did, so I brought them to SCRAP Humboldt and put them up for sale in the (Re)Boutique."

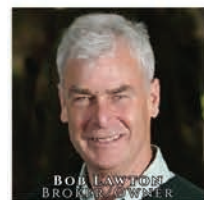
SCRAP Humboldt, the innovative creative reuse depot in Arcata, sold all 20 hats in five days.

"My entire share of the proceeds goes directly to Planned Parenthood," Leblanc explained, "so we made \$240 for them that week alone. Even after the march, I'll keep making hats and selling them through SCRAP Humboldt to benefit Planned Parenthood."

Leblanc calculates that, in the past decade, she has made over 1,000 kitty hats. "I produce hats like a cat horks up hairballs," she said. "One day alone, I made five hats. I have to be careful not to injure my carpal tunnel, so now I try to keep it down to two per day."

Leblanc's hats are all crochet, which her grandma Claire and her mom, Terrie, taught her. It took her a couple of years to perfect her pattern, with its distinctive earflaps and long braided ties with uneven ends. Many of her hats

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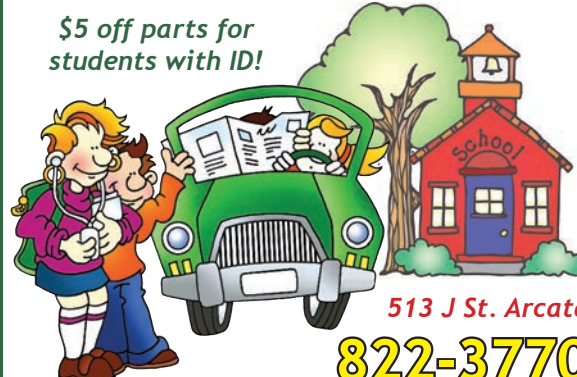
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them to seven cities in seven days, up to BC and down to LA. They're joined by a second black metal band, **Zelosis**, from "rural California." What is black metal? It's about as dark as anything gets, and like metal, it's heavy. There are guitars involved. 'Nuff said.

Strings and jam

Thursday at the Jam, celebrate **PC's Bday Bash with The Humboldt Jam Collective**. You say you don't understand? Well, PC would be **Pete Ciotti**, owner, pizzamaker, occasional DJ and everything else at the Jam with his wife Rose. He also plays in several bands of a jammish nature and it's his party so he'll play drums and maybe guitar with the HumJamCollective exploring the world of jam, everything from blackberry to space and back. HJC draws on too many local bands to list, all of them based on improvisation. In short, it's a party. HB PC! Eat cake! (&jam@Jam...)

At the Crib that night (Thursday), "with the new and unpredictable socio-political era about to descend upon us, it's likely time to immerse ourselves in the truth and beauty to be found in creative expression," says The Cribmaster. His creative old friend **John Stowell** is in town with his "suave" guitar "an ideal antidote to the uncertainty many of us are feeling in this week of foreboding. He presents a superficially calming vision, beautiful melodies exquisitely played and presented in his Buddha-like serenity." You

know the rest of the drill: bread, soup and drink at 6 p.m. Music at 7, pay for it. Om optional.

Thursday at the Goat/Miniplex, former Arcata gal and HSU alum **Caitlin Jemma** returns from somewhere on the road. (She now calls Eugene home.) She's a folk songwriter, with a guitar or banjo, often with her fiddler **Megan Graham**. They're on the road with accordionist/multi-instrumentalist **Kalei Yamanoha** and **Oddjob Ensemble**, an organic multiculti "musical pretzel" offering a largely instrumental take on old timey jazz and progressive music.

Caitlin just returned from a "re-energizing week" in Mexico. "The shuttle driver said as he was dropping me off, 'Well, now back to the real world,' which inspired some thoughts. For one, when and where does this so called 'real world' occur? When most people talk about the 'real world' they are speaking from a place of enduring, instead of enjoying. What would happen if you fell deeply in love with what you do in this life? Today is filled with beautiful moments of opportunity to embrace mystery and pursue magic ... The real world is waiting for the real you to start showing up and being present!" Personally, I need an antidote to the surreal world that's been bumming me out.

Assorted songs

The next night at the Goat (as in Friday) the headliner is **Ohtis**, a post-pop/folk duo out of Detroit built around the songs of **Sam Swinson** with his old friend **Adam Pressley** adding sonic

touches. They were high school friends who made records together early on, only to find Sam pulled into the dark side of drugs. They reunited when Sam was in rehab, writing new songs about his new life and faith in the future. They're on the road with "high and lonesome rocker" Levi Thomas from Oakland. Local support comes from the amazing one-human-band **Mister Moonbeam**.

Also on Friday, **Marty O'Reilly & The Old Soul Orchestra** play neo-folk/blues at Humboldt Brews. "Playing in Humboldt has always felt like a hometown show," said Ben Berry, the band's stand-up bass player, who noted the Santa Cruz band's video for Chuck Johnson's Humboldt Live Sessions series has been viewed over 70,000 times. "The video has earned fans all over the world, for one couple in Germany, viewing the video inspired them to move to Humboldt County." The soulful version of "Cold Canary Gaslight" features Marty on banjo with a fiddler and a bassist (not Ben), but Mr. O'Reilly also favors resophonic guitar, and he's damn good. I've always liked that vid too, in part because it was shot in Arcata's Redwood Park not far from my house.

Their "Deep Pacific Tour" finds them on the road with **Royal Jelly Jive**, a neo-swing outfit from the North Bay. (They also did a Humboldt Live Session.) It seems like something right up my alley with accordionist **Jesse Lemme Adams**, horns, and **Lauren Bjelde**, a singer with a smoky voice reminiscent of Amy Winehouse. The two bands have been writing new music together that features members of

both combos, that should work.

Strange soul

Yes, it's true. **Matt 'n' Adam** of Missing Link are getting ready to say goodbye to **Soul Night**. Just five to go, with SN#63 Saturday night at Humbrews beginning a countdown to the end of an era. Come shake a tailfeather with the boys. I'm told **#Jaymorg** and **DJ Red** will be around for further dance parties, but it just won't be quite the same. Dance! Dance! Dance!

Saturday at the Westhaven Center for the Arts, you're invited to "bring a sense of musical adventure and leave those preconceptions in the box at the door" along with a donation, as the self-described "oddball quartet" **Square-Peg** offers a trip into the zone via "Stranger Chamber Music." Classically, chamber music was played in palaces for the entertainment of rich folks who, well, live in palaces. Goethe described it (in that case string quartet music) as "four rational people conversing," but this is something different. Some might debate the rationality of the players, **Gregg Moore**, **Virginia Ryder**, **Jill Petricca** and **Rahman "Tinku" Abdur**, who forego the more or less string-based instrumentation (violin, viola, cello, etc.) for tuba, trombone, clarinet, bass clarinet, English horn, flute, piccolo, saxophones and tabla, with Gregg occasionally adding banjo or bandola.

Gregg suggests, "considering the abundance of information from other musical cultures at our fingertips via the advances in technology it is not hard to imagine the idea of small acoustic ensembles

assimilating some of those influences into a chamber music lexicon reflecting our smaller modern world." Thus these square pegs force themselves into round holes drawing on "the rhythms and melodic and harmonic structures of such diverse traditions as French musette, Western popular song, Arabic maquam and American jazz" rendered as "strange" music freed from the strictures of what he describes as "comfortable contemporary genres." Eavesdrop on the conversation, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the former home of Pee Wee's Market.

A bright morning

Remember that "Good Life" story from the Twilight Zone? It did not end well. The monster was going to make it snow, ruining the crops and bringing starvation for all, but the scared people pretended that was, "a real good thing. And tomorrow ... tomorrow's gonna be a ... real good day!"

In my alternative to that alt. world, there's a brighter future possible. One where we all "bring the family to **Breakfast in Bayside** on Sunday (8 a.m. to noon) at the Bayside Grange" with good healthy food, mimosas and music by fiddler **Sam McNeill** and his students from **The Humboldt Music Academy All Stars**, delightful kids beaming with pleasure at their new found ability on their fiddles. It's a wonderful thing to see, especially surrounded by the people of our strong community with an emphasis on *unity*.

We are all in it together. We'll make it a brighter day, and beautiful music will fill our hearts. There's a good life possible. Really.

VIDEO GAMES AT THE LIBRARY The McKinleyville Public Library, 1606 Pickett Rd., invites all to play video games **today, Jan. 25** from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. Play family-friendly games like Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Minecraft, Guitar Hero and Wii Sports with others. These games are easy to learn and fun to play together; if you've never played before, you can get help from a friendly volunteer. There will be snacks and some board games available.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *The Giant Spider Invasion* (1975) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Jan. 25** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. A black hole opens another dimension in a rural Wisconsin town, resulting in an invasion of gigantic arachnids that crave human flesh. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

ART SALE Add to your art collection at the Collectors' Sale at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, from **Friday through Sunday, Jan. 27 to 29** from noon to 5 p.m. Included in the sale are original works by Curtis Otto, Jim McVicker, George Van Hook, Larry Gray and many

other highly collectable artworks. Sales from these two local, private collections benefit the Humboldt Arts Council. Admission to the sale is free to the public.

CANTEEN SOIREE The Humboldt State Student Veterans Association hosts a Canteen Soirée at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, 1425 J St., **Friday, Jan. 27** at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend and behold improvements to the hall, and enjoy the fully functioning bar, pool table, big screen TV and, possibly, live music. *Facebook/Arcata Veterans Hall*

POETRY OUT LOUD Humboldt County's annual Poetry Out Loud Contest happens at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, **Saturday, Jan. 28** at 10 a.m. School staff, parents, classmates, and community members are encouraged to attend this special event. Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest open to all high school students across the country. This contest will feature students from Eureka High, Fortuna High, McKinleyville High, Academy of the Redwoods and North Coast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy. *poetryoutloud.org*

CHILI COOK-OFF It's the Annual Chili Cook-off for North Coast Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Mad River Brewing Co., 101

Taylor Way in Blue Lake, **Saturday, Jan. 28**. From 1 to 4 p.m., try the best chilis local chefs have to offer; tickets are available at the door. The UnderCovers play too!

'BEFORE THE FLOOD' The Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Social Action Committee presents a screening of *Before the Flood*, the new movie on climate change **Saturday, Jan. 28** at 7 p.m. at 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Climate change is happening. Sea levels are rising, ice is melting and dangerous weather patterns are becoming more and more frequent. But what is there to be done about it? That's one of the central questions of the documentary directed by Oscar-winning Fisher Stevens and produced by Leonardo DiCaprio. A \$5 donation is requested. (707) 822-3793, *ediejes-sup@gmail.com*, *beforetheflood.com*

MOKKA MUSIC The Last-Minute Men play international tunes **Saturday, Jan. 28** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

ONE MAN'S STAND AGAINST EVIL The existence and causes of evil will be explored at Lifetree Café **Sunday, Jan. 29** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Confronting Evil: One Man Takes a Stand," features a filmed interview with Peter Ash, founder

of Under the Same Sun, an organization dedicated to helping people with the genetic condition of albinism overcome often deadly discrimination. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss places they've seen evil in their own world and what they've done about it. This program may not be appropriate for younger viewers. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, *bobdipert@hotmail.com*

COMMUNITY CHOIR Singers and instrumentalists are being recruited for the new season that starts for the McKinleyville Community Choir **Tuesday, Jan. 31** at 6:30 p.m. Practices are held at Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Ave., McKinleyville, on Tuesday evenings. You need not have had choral experience; just be able to carry a tune and have a willingness to work on your own and in a group. Practice CDs are provided. Some instrumentalists are needed each week; others become involved closer to performance dates. For specifics, interested instrumentalists should check in with Choir Director Robert Keiber at (707) 822-7575. Interested singers should attend the first session, get acquainted with the group and selected songs, and see if there's a "fit."

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25	THURSDAY, JAN. 26	FRIDAY, JAN 27	SATURDAY, JAN. 28	SUNDAY, JAN. 29	MONDAY, JAN. 30	TUESDAY, JAN. 31
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		7:30 p.m. <i>Starship Troopers</i>		5:30 p.m. <i>Spaceballs</i>		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The GetDown	9 p.m. BluEnglish	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. Brad Wilson Band	9 p.m. Brad Wilson Band	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata		9 p.m. • Gypsy Moon and Kitchen Dwellers	9:30 p.m. Marty O'Reilly	9 p.m. Soul Night #63			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp	9:30 p.m. PC's Bday Bash	9 p.m. Under Pressure		9:30 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Kaptain Kirk	9 p.m. Strix Vega	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Ping-pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. RLA Trio	6 p.m. Fred & Jr.	6 p.m. • Redwood Ramblers	1 p.m. Chili Cook-Off		6 p.m. • Robin <i>Hood: Men in Tights</i>	
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Midaz Wail		8 p.m. Noble		6 p.m. • Open Bluegrass Jam	7 p.m. For Folk Sake
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville			8 p.m. USGGO		8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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FRACTURED FAMILY Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, a co-production of the Ferndale Repertory Theatre and Arcata Playhouse, features, in the back row, Christopher Kehoe, Randy Wayne, Leira V. Satlof, Christopher Kehoe (again) and, front row, Kaitlen Osburn and Victor Howard.

PHOTO BY DAN TUBBS

An un-American dream

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE
FERNDALE — Ferndale Repertory Theatre and Arcata Playhouse present Arthur Miller's drama *All My Sons*, running Jan. 27 through Feb. 5 at Ferndale Repertory Theatre on Main Street in Ferndale, and Feb. 10 through 19 at the Arcata Playhouse in Arcata's Creamery District.

Joe Keller is like every other blue-collar American: a firm believer in hard work, family and a stiff upper lip. But when the war against the Nazis sent his modest factory into a windfall, Keller had to choose between money and morality. Three years later, his choice is about to catch up with him.

Written by American playwright Arthur Miller, *All My Sons* is the gripping drama about the price of war and who pays it. The show is appropriate for audiences ages 16+.

All My Sons is directed by Jane Hill, cofounder and former executive director of Dell'Arte, in a return to Ferndale rep, where she both directed and performed in the early '80s.

"I am delighted to be directing a fine cast which includes my daughter, Leira Satlof, in a play which is deep, meaningful and pertinent even 50 years later," said Hill after a recent rehearsal.

Satlof is the artistic producing director of Ferndale Repertory Theatre, and seldom takes the stage in a non-singing role.

"It has been a fascinating challenge to develop the role of Kate," said Satlof. "I have rediscovered the work an actor must go through. It makes me grateful to spend most of my time directing and producing."

All My Sons first premiered in New York City in 1947, based on the true 1944 scandal of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation where domestic producers colluded with army inspection officers to deploy defective aircraft engines during World War II. The play was Miller's final attempt to write a critically and commercially successful play for the stage, after his first play *The Man Who Had All The Luck* closed on Broadway after only

four performances. *All My Sons* ran on Broadway for over nine months, winning Tony Awards for Best Author and Best Direction of a Play. The play would also be adapted for film twice; in 1948 and 1987. *All My Sons* laid the thematic groundwork for many of Miller's later plays, including *Death of a Salesman*, *A View from the Bridge* and *The Crucible*. It was also one of the main reasons he was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s.

All My Sons will feature performances by Bradley Harrington and Leira Satlof, with additional performances by Christopher Kehoe, Kaitlen Osburn, Victor Howard, Dillon Savage, Natasha White, Steven Carter, Greta Turney and Landen Olsen. The production team includes Director Jane Hill, Scenic Designer Raymond Gutierrez, Costume Designer Kate Newby, Properties Designer Rebecca Albee, Lighting Designer Michael Foster, and Stage Manager Juan Carlos Contreras.

All My Sons runs at the Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 227 Main St., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Friday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Feb. 5. The production then moves to the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., with the same days and times, from Friday, Feb. 10 through Sunday, Feb. 19.

General admission tickets are \$16/\$14 for students and seniors age 60 and over. Tickets can be purchased at ferndalerep.org, by calling (707) 786-5483, or at the door. Box office opens one hour before each performance.

Current and former members of the American armed forces are welcome to see *All My Sons* completely free of charge, by making reservations in advance and showing valid military ID at the door. This offer is valid for current and former members of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, and United States Marines, and only applies to performances of *All My Sons* at Ferndale Repertory Theatre, Jan. 27 through Feb. 5. For more information, visit ferndalerep.org or call the box office at (707) 786-5483.



BEETHOVEN CHAMBER WORKS The Eureka Symphony presents two of Beethoven's best-known chamber works in concert Sunday Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. in Eureka. Featured artists John Chernoff (piano), Terrie Baune (violin) and Carol Jacobson (cello) will perform the "Kreutzer" sonata for violin and piano and the "Archduke" trio. These two works are among the finest of Beethoven's output, and have been mainstays of the concert hall since they were premiered by Beethoven himself. The performers will talk about the pieces and their significance to the classical genre. Refreshments will be available at intermission. This is a major fundraiser for the Eureka Symphony; all proceeds support the symphony's ongoing programs. Tickets are \$30 and are available online at eurekasymphony.org, by phone at (707) 845-3655 or at the door. This event is a partnership with the Eureka Woman's Club and sponsored by Humboldt Mortgage Company.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mad hatter | Like hairballs

❖ **FROM B1**
have fun fur trim around the ears and brim, though, she said, she did make one pink pussy hat with plain trim, "to represent hairless pussies too."



MEOW! Nancy Reichart wore one of Leblanc's hats to the Eureka Women's March. JV | UNION

Wearing one of Leblanc's hats is an experience, as this writer can attest. Responses from passersby range from startled looks, Cheshire Cat-like smiles and happy comments. Sometimes people just walk up and meow, which can be disconcerting if you have forgotten you're wearing it. Many ask where to get one.

Most of Leblanc's hats are made of remnant yarn she gets at SCRAP Humboldt, where she volunteers, aptly, maintaining the yarn section.

It takes her a couple of hours to make a hat. She makes them during the winter months while "binge-watching sci-fi shows."

Leblanc's all-female household includes two dogs but no cats. Leblanc says she prefers to admire cats "from a safe distance."

"My wife is very supportive," she added. "Sometimes I lean my elbow on her while I crochet. She graciously tolerates being covered in balls of yarn while I work and even chases them when they fall off the couch. Meow!"

Keep an eye out for cat hat sightings but remember that they may look different from those pictured here.

"Every pink pussy hat I make is different," Leblanc said, "because no two pussies are the same."

Oklahoma! | It's a mixed bag

❖ **FROM B1**
realize that Dobbins, all gangly charm and soulful eyes, is Curly McLain. It does promise to be a beautiful morning. Like Aunt Eller (charmingly played by Laura Rose), we wish we could marry him ourselves. Barring that, we wish Laurey Williams would just say yes right away.

But feisty heroine Laurey, played by the always luminous Jo Kuzelka, has to be contrary, which is also OK, cuz that means we get to hear more from her. Once again, Kuzelka brings to the stage warmth, wryness, charm and the finest set of pipes in the county. Together, Kuzelka and Dobbins dominate this show, and they're a real treat.

But it turns out to be a mixed bag, and when you expect some more chocolate chip, here's an oatmeal raisin cookie. Unexpected, but still good and wholesome.

As the musical unfolds, we encounter farmhand Jud Fry, ably played by Jonathan Moreno with the type of seething heavy-jawed menace that Joaquin Phoenix has made so lovable. Jessi Shieman delivers a convincingly sly Ado Annie Carnes and Wesley Fuller a sweetly bumbling Will Parker. Ruben Botello, in the role of smarmy womanizing Persian peddler Ali Hakim, wisely chose a portrayal that's more New York con artist than ethnic caricature. Go east, young man — you could be president some day!

Minimalism well served this production. Set design was kept blessedly simple, as was lighting. The musical numbers were ably accompanied by Wally Cooper on piano.

But then, consider costume design — the women wore long shirts and some really very nicely fitted blouses, to-

tally period-appropriate. For the men — Stetson hats, Western shirts, blue jeans and boots — you can't go wrong. Until, noticeably in the dance number "Kansas City," in which the audience *will* be looking at the footwork, we got boots, boots, boots, boots, Nikes, boots. It's a jarring anachronism, a sad lack of attention to detail.

Ever bitten into a cookie and wound up with something between your molars — a small rock maybe — that you don't bite down, but just swallow anyway?

This particular evening, *Oklahoma!* had some of that grit, with flubbed lines, missed cues, pitchy singing, careening spotlights, lagging tempos, clunky set changes, trod-on toes and an oddly long and uncomfortable interval in the second act in which nothing happened and no one was onstage. It was a pretty emotional day in America, and maybe *Oklahoma!* was feeling it too.

But it's *Oklahoma!*, and you can't he'p but want it to be great ag'in. In the words of wise Aunt Eller, "Oh, lots of things happen to folks. Sickmess, er bein' pore and hungry even — bein' old and afeared to die. That's the way it is — cradle to grave. And you can stand it. They's one way. You gotta be hearty, you got to be. You can't deserve the sweet and tender in life less'n you're tough."

And that sweetness is still there, even among the grit. *Oklahoma!* runs at Northcoast Rep through Feb. 18. (707) 442-NCRT (6278), ncrt.net

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On The House...

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This is it, the 52nd Annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Saturday, Jan. 28. If you're up to it, run the new half marathon starting at 11:30 a.m. The traditional 3-mile and 8¾-mile races commence at 12:30 p.m., followed by the 5¾-mile race at 1:30. All but the 3-mile race end on Clam Beach near Strawberry Creek after runners cross the Little River at Moonstone Beach. Patrick's Point Drive, Stagecoach Road, Anderson Lane, Scenic Drive, Moonstone Beach and Clam Beach all are on the route. Go to TrinidadtoClamBeach.com or email trinidadclambeach@gmail.com for information.

Last minute registration is at Trinidad Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 28. Runners may be transported to start lines from Town Hall and back to Town Hall after the race. Refreshments at the beach after the race. The HSU Marching Lumberjack Band will play for spectators at the beach and for those who cross the finish line. Later, celebrate with live music by Bump Foundation and Caribbean cuisine from Simmer Down Café at Clam Beach Tavern.

Marion Strong is director of the run. Katherine Wayne is in charge of registration. Angie Harder is president of the Chamber. Ashley Mobley is executive director of the Chamber. Leave a message at Chamber voice mail (707) 677-1610 for information.

Friday night before the race, enjoy spaghetti at Trinidad School starting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning after the race, enjoy a Lions Club Breakfast at Trinidad School between 8 and 11 a.m.

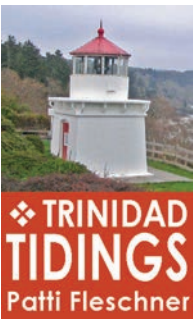
Fourth Friday Flick

The Captain's Paradise is the Fourth Friday Flick selection at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr., Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. The 1953 comedy classic features Alec Guinness, Celia Johnson and Yvonne DeCarlo. Visit westhavencenter.org for complete center offerings.

While you're there, be sure to see the MARE, Matisse and More exhibit of Trinidad School student art.

More Student Art

The California Federation of Women's Clubs and Trinidad Civic Club invite K-12



students to enter the Student Art Contest. Students from any local elementary, middle or high school, public or private, are invited to submit one original work of art each in acrylic, oil, watercolor or other medium. Works must be 24 inches by 30 inches or smaller. One entry per student.

There will be eight categories, with the winner of the Graduating Senior competition receiving \$500. The works will be on view at the Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) California Federation of Women's Clubs luncheon at Trinidad Town Hall. Contact Trinidad Civic Club Co-President and Art Co-Chairman Dana Hope at danahope66@hotmail.com.

Trinidad City Council meets

Trinidad City Council meets today, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. Mayor Dwight Miller will preside joined by Councilmembers Jack West, Jim Baker, Steve Ladwig and Susan Rotwein. City Manager Dan Berman will report on city projects. The election of mayor and mayor pro-tempore will take place. Deputy Sheriff Pam Wilcox will be recognized for her service and new Deputy Luke Mathieson will be introduced. Commissioners will be appointed. The mid-year budget report is on the agenda. A General Plan update will be presented by City Planner Trever Parker. Plenty to ponder. Be involved. Be informed.

Trinidad Library OLLI Classes

Four HSU OLLI Classes are coming up, all to be held at Trinidad Library. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, attend a Trinidad Museum Society history presentation on Spanish sea captain Juan Francisco Bodega y Quadra and English navigator George Vancouver in the northwest Pacific in 1792.

The following Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. is Humboldt Architecture from Fernbridge to Hoopa with Jerry and Gisela Rohde. Marilyn Montgomery presents ancient Celtic teachings Mondays, March 20 through April 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Professor James Johnson will present an overview of Shakespeare's histories of Henry IV, Parts I and II May 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. followed by Prof. Johnson on Homer's epic poems May 24. Go to humboldt.edu/olli or call (707) 826-5880 to register.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Moonstruck by Luna

*Desires, visible and sweet;
Countless swim across the flood;
The wine that one drinks with the eyes;
The Moon spills nights into the waves*
— Arnold Schoenberg,
Pierrot Lunaire, Op. 21,
Moonstruck



she is simply seeking a friend,
simply someone who cares.

So quiet all seems,
in the Moon's gentle light,
how Luna makes gentle,
those gazed by her sight.

She's resplendent, it's true,
her black coat simply stunning,
many question their worth,
“Am I in the running?”

Carefully outstretching fingers,
awaiting a subtle sign,
“Might I be permitted
to touch the divine?”

One shivers in the night,
one's hand tremble to touch,
now she takes a step closer!
Will the bond be too much??

Yet Luna is not so haughty,
nor puts on great airs,



Luna is an adult cat available for adoption at Companion Animal Foundation's thriftstore in Blue Lake. She is spayed, healthy, beautiful and very sweet. If you want to learn more about adopting her (or our other animals) please call (707) 826-7387 or visit the thrift store at 88 Sun-

ny Brae Center in Arcata. If you want to visit Luna in person please visit the Blue Lake store at 410 Railroad Ave.

You can also email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, or check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook.

OBITUARY

Albert

Albert was born poor and homeless in Florida. He was adopted and lived a life of gluttony until age 8 when he moved to California only to be put up for adoption. Adopted, he moved to Arcata where he worked at the Companion Animal Foundation. After an unfortunate but heroic encounter with a customer, Albert had to leave CAF. He moved in with a friend in Sunny Brae where they walked to the Coffee Break daily for

10 years. Over the years, Albert met hundreds if not thousands, on these walks. He attended Pastels on the Plaza, the Sea Otter Classic, walked the Community Forest and the trails of the Marsh. He frequented (and was removed from) many local breweries and establishments.

He had a great sense of right and wrong. He was once seen confronting the father of a screaming child with the clear intent of preventing any harm to the child. In later years

Albert fell ill with pancreatitis, arthritis and kidney disease but still enjoyed his daily walks. Daily medications and subcutaneous fluids became the norm for his last two and a half years, but he never complained. On Sunday, Jan. 15, his conditions got the best of him and he passed away in the arms of his best friend. If you ever saw a 15 to 27 lb. black cat walking unleashed, it was probably Albert, the Sunny Brae walking cat. Gentle, caring and affectionate, he will be missed.

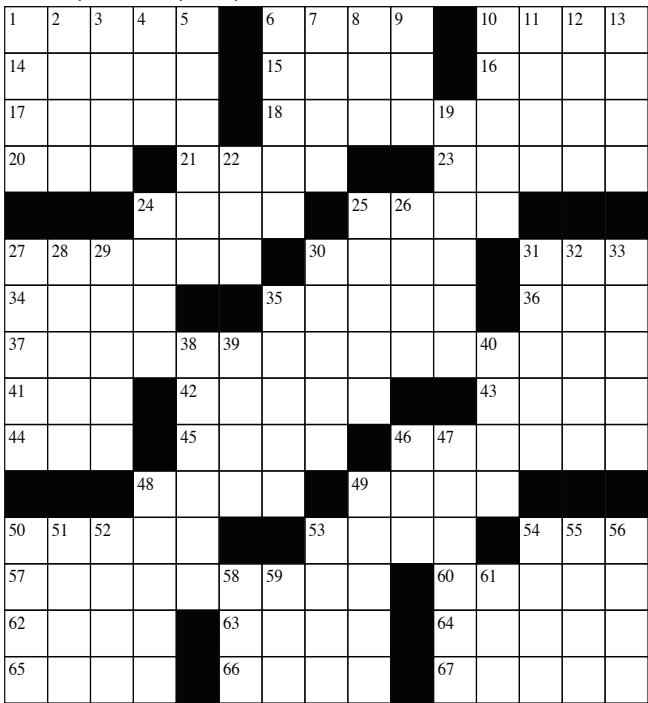
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- Jeer
- ___ with; tolerate
- Part of a ticket
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- Bearing
- Clear the slate
- Group of animals
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- High school subj.
- Skating rink
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- Sticky stuff
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- Bowl-shaped cavity
- ___ tea
- Mouse's feature
- Get away from
- Overlaid with gold
- Reverence
- Stuntman
- Stomach problem
- Canadian prov.
- Shopper's delight
- Marksman
- Hodgepodge
- School orgs.
- City in England

DOWN

- Pigeon's pitfall
- Vending machine purchase, perhaps



Solution on page B5



Well, it's been quite a week. Enough dogs came in to the shelter over the holiday weekend to put the shelter over capacity. This is never a good thing ...

When the shelter gets too full, the word goes out to rescue groups that the dogs on the “Hold” side of the shelter need to get out or face the possibility of euthanasia. For Redwood Pals Rescue, this specifically meant our rescue boys Buster and Rocky.

Fortunately, we already had a potential adopter in the works for Rocky, our blind pup, and we were able to find a short-term foster for him while we continued the meet-and-greet process. [Late update: Rocky struck the jackpot at the very last minute and is in a wonderful home!]

And one of our amazing volunteers stepped up to take Buster in for a short time while we pursue options in tracking for him.

Bones Pet Rescue, working with our friends at It's a Dog's Life, found a foster for hospice dog Fay and another medical needs senior. Three dogs went to Sequoia Humane Society, a few dogs were adopted and one or two were reclaimed by their owners. All this combined to bring the canine population down to a (temporarily)

Kobe & Diesel are easy walkers

manageable number.

Did I mention that this is stressful? I think it is the goal of all local rescues to give deserving animals a second chance, while being responsible with our fosters and adoptions. Redwood Pals Rescue appreciates having a file of interested fosters for times like these when there is an urgent need to get dogs out. Please contact us through our Facebook page, email at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692 for more information.

Every time that a dog gets adopted through the shelter, two dogs are positively affected. The adopted dog gets a real home with a loving family (we hope) and the space created in the shelter allows another scared or injured dog to have a little more time to be ready for adoption.

The most common breeds that show up at the shelter seem to be Pit Bull mixes and Border Collie mixes. Here are two recent arrivals to the shelter that are available for adoption — one of each:

Diesel is a 4-year-old brown and white Pit Bull mix. He has already made quite a few friends, both human and canine, at the shelter. His volunteer friend Jane describes him as “a shy pit mix who hugs the wall away from the kennels



when you walk him out. He has healing scars on his back and head from (it looks like) being attacked. Still, he is friendly and wags his tail when meeting other dogs walking. And, he's a *ball dog*! Really loves it! I really love Diesel!” Other volunteers

mention that he is an easy walker, very friendly with other dogs and quite affectionate.

Diesel does appear to have been injured before coming to the shelter, but his scrapes are healing and he seems to hold no grudges against other dogs.



He is very representative of the loving and gentle side of this breed.

Kobe is a tall black and white Border Collie mix, about a year old. He is a nice dog and easy to walk. He has a spring in his step and seems interested and curious about the world around him. He is probably around 70 pounds, definitely a larger dog, but very gentle and friendly. A handsome dog like this won't be at the shelter long. Meet him today!

Both of these boys are neutered, microchipped and current on vaccina-

tions. They are available at the Humboldt County Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. Call (707) 840-9132 for hours or more information.

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ARCATA, CA 95521
LISA D. BETHUNE
149 BOYNTON PRAIRIE ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/LISA D. BETHUNE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 6, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK

1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00763

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **(1) FRUITING FLOWER FARMS (2) PUR-SOIL 8754 BELL SPRINGS RD. GARBERVILLE, CA 95542**
1506 DRY CREEK RD. HEALDSBURG, CA 95448
JEFFREY M. JONES
8754 BELL SPRINGS RD. GARBERVILLE, CA 95542
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JEFFREY JONES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 29, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00751

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT LIVE! 1957 CASCARA STREET MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
P.O. BOX 91
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
RIPARIAN EDUCATION ALLIANCE
1957 CASCARA STREET MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/JAMES F. RITTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 27, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK

1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00753

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **12TH & O ST APARTMENTS**
1803 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
JAMES M. RYNEARSON
1803 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JAMES MARK RYNEARSON, OWNER

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1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00761

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GIGANTIC VENTURES**
2005 ARDAGH CT. EUREKA, CA 95503
JASON A. BAXTER
2005 ARDAGH CT. EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JASON BAXTER, PRINCIPAL/OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 28, 2016
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1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
17-00028

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PATHOSUNITED
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ARCATA, CA 95521
CHRISTOPHER W. GALLERON
1375 GRANT AVE. APT. B
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/CHRIS GALLERON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 13, 2017
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1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
17-00026

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT EXCAVATING AND SEPTIC**
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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
DAVID T. DURAN
2315 COBBLESTONE APT. 68
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/DAVID DURAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 12, 2017
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1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
17-00039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A PATH LESS TRAVELED**
1136 K STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
BARBARA M. ZOELLNER
1136 K STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/BARBARA M. ZOELLNER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 19, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
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1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVELYN JUNE CARPENTER
CASE NO.: PR170009

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **EVELYN JUNE CARPENTER**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **ROBERT CARPENTER** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **ROBERT CARPENTER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: February 9, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: [left blank]
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825

Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503**
(707) 269-0167

1/18, 1/25, 2/1

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name:
BABY GIRL MOORE, AKA ESPERANZA MARTINEZ
Case No.: JV160066

1. To Manuel Martinez and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Girl Moore, aka Esperanza Martinez born on 03/23/2016 at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Fortuna, California.

2. A hearing will be held on April 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer. 4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final. 7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present. ATTORNEY FOR: **CHILD WELFARE SERVICES JEFFREY S. BLANCK, COUNTY COUNSEL #115447**

KATIE BACA, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #188031
825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
DATE: JAN 10, 2017
Morgan P. Clerk, by Kim L. Bartleson, Deputy

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name:
BABY BOY RANDALL, AKA JULIAN RANDALL
Case No.: JV160070

1. To Michelle Randall and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Boy Randall, aka Julian Randall born on 04/03/2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California.

2. A hearing will be held on April 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name:
BABY GIRL ASBURY, AKA TRISTAN HAMLINE
Case No.: JV160229

1. To Edward Hamline and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Girl Asbury, aka Tristan Hamline born on 09/20/2016 at Mad River Hospital, Arcata, California.

2. A hearing will be held on April 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name:
BABY GIRL CHILDERS, AKA LUCY CHILDERS
Case No.: JV160249

1. To Timothy Stockhoff and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Girl Childers, aka Lucy Childers born on 10/11/2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California.

2. A hearing will be held on April 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

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For Forefeiture was filed by Joshua C. Morrison, Fayette County State's Attorney, in Fayette County court and that in the courtroom of honorable judge presiding in Fayette County courthouse, 221 S. Seventh St., Vandalia, Illinois, on February 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition for Forfeiture.

UNLESS you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OF JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.

Dated January 25, 2017^{1/25}

SUMMONS (Parentage – Custody and Support)
CASE NUMBER:
FL160903

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: DANIEL HENDRICKS JR.
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

PETITIONER'S NAME:
CAITLYN NEWMAN
Petitioner's Name:

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-220 or FL-270) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE: The restraining order on page 2 remains in effect against each parent until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.

NOTICE OF VACANCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DIVISION 5 HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER

NOTICE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to California Civil Code 1988 Synergy Partnerships Limited, will sell at PUBLIC SALE abandoned personal properties left at: 2210 Thiel Ave. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA. Competitive bid Auction available online only at storagebattles.com on February 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Register at Storage Battles enter this address: 1641 Holly Dr McKinleyville, CA 95519 Items to be auction are abandoned personal property items left at the aforementioned addresses. Additional information: 951-676-8998 ext 112

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAYETTE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: SEIZURE of \$76,940.00 (seventy six thousand nine Hundred and forty dollars cash) No. 16-MR-139

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, David R.E. Allen, Respondent, and all whom it may concern, that on November 28, 2016 a Petition

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DISTRICT 828 7TH STREET EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501

APPLICATION DEAD-LINE EXTENDED TO FEB. 8, 2017

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has a vacancy, effective January 13, 2017, for its Division 5 Director. The term expires December 4, 2018, with the election for this position during November 2018. The person appointed to fill this vacancy would serve through December 3, 2018.

Anyone interested in being considered to fill the vacancy must reside within the boundaries of Division 5, which is comprised primarily of the Arcata area and extends east through Blue Lake. A map and legal description are available for inspection at the District's Eureka office. Contact the County's Election Division (445-7481) to confirm residency within HBMWD's Division 5.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the District no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on February 8, 2017. You may mail the information to: PO Box 95, Eureka 95502-0095, deliver it directly to 828 7th Street, Eureka, or email to: office@hbmwd.com.

The Board will determine which candidates to interview for the position. If selected as a candidate, you will be notified.

An overview of the District and summary of Director responsibilities are available at the District's office or its website (www.hbmwd.com). For any additional information about the Director position, call 443-5018.

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1480

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on January 18, 2017, the Arcata City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1480, summarized below, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Adding Chapter 4 to Title III of the Arcata Municipal Code Regulation of the Sale, Purchase, and Possession of Butane, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by

NOTICE OF

BIRD THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Jan. 28**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Moe Morrisette in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

BIRDS & BEES The Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (just south of College of the Redwoods) presents the first of their “Birds and Bees Educational Series” **Saturday, Jan. 28** from 10 a.m. to noon. The monthly educational program focusing on plants, animals and insects of the North Coast region kicks off with presentations by Eric Nelson and Evelyn Giddings on both the garden and the wildlife refuge. Following the PowerPoint presentations, Nelson will lead a hike around the refuge. (707) 442-5139, [hbgf.org](#)

FOREST WORKDAY The City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council’s Volunteer Trail Stewards invite you to the first trail building volunteer workday of 2017 in the Arcata Community Forest **Saturday, Jan. 28** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at the small parking lot at the Fickle Hill Road forest entrance next to the Arcata Community Forest sign. Participants will reroute a section of Trail 4. Be sure to wear a long sleeve shirt, work pants and boots and bring rain gear and water. Gloves, tools, snacks and beverages will be provided.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Jan. 28** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Milt Boyd at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

California Condor comeback

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS PACIFIC NORTHWEST – The National Park Service, the Yurok Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are holding public meetings to present a plan to reintroduce California condors into Redwood National Park in northwestern California. The project would continue efforts to restore condors in California and would further the goal of returning the condor into its historical range by expanding the geographic scope of recovery efforts already in progress in southern and central California, the Southwest and Baja California, Mexico.

Sixteen groups have teamed up in this effort to return the largest land bird in North America into its historical range in Yurok Ancestral Territory. The partners signed an agreement to cooperate in support of conservation of this iconic species. The agreement

can be found at [parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=336&projectID=66364&documentID=76937](#).

Due to a number of factors, including lead poisoning, the California condor was on the verge of extinction in the 1980s. Over the last several decades, conservationists and scientists have committed to saving condors from extinction and reintroducing birds into the wild. The number of condors in captivity and in the wild has increased from a low of 22 birds to over 400. Since 2003, the Yurok Tribe has spearheaded efforts to reintroduce condors into the Pacific Northwest, where the bird has not been seen for more than a century. Reintroduction into Redwood National Park would contribute to the recovery of this species through reestablishing a breeding population within its historical range.

Despite a century-long absence from the Pacific Northwest, the bird has continued to play an important role in Yurok tribal

ceremonies. In support of condor recovery, the tribe has undertaken the scientific groundwork needed to determine if the region still has the ecological capacity to support this large vulture. Results of the work indicate that the sparsely populated redwood coast contains ample nesting, foraging and breeding habitat. This habitat is quite different from other recovery areas in central and southern California, the Southwest and Baja California, Mexico. Reintroduction along the Northern California coast would greatly diversify resources available to the species.

The proposed reintroduction program includes establishing a release facility and monitoring program in Redwood National Park. The partnering groups are preparing a plan to examine impacts of condor reintroduction on the natural and human environment in the park and the region.

The remaining public meetings to receive input on the California Condor Restoration Plan/Environ-

mental Assessment are

- today, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at Yurok Tribe Headquarters, 190 Klamath Blvd., Klamath
- today, Jan. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jackson County Auditorium, 7520 Table Rock Rd., Central Point, Ore.
- Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, Ore.

The public is urged to visit [parkplanning.nps.gov/RedwoodCondor](#) for information on the project and how to comment. Comments will be accepted at the meetings or through the website through Feb. 28. Comments will be used to develop the plan which will be available for additional public review and comment. A decision on the reintroduction program is scheduled for October.

For more information, contact Redwood National Park deputy superintendent Dave Roemer at (707) 465-7700, Yurok Tribe Wildlife Program Manager Matt Mais at (707) 954-0976, or US Fish and Wildlife Service California condor coordinator Amedee Brickey at (916) 414-6480.

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This year, the winners were Miranda Parson and Tranita Barnett. “[The \$500 gift certificate] will come in very handy as my vehicle is in need of a good amount of maintenance and repairs,” states Barnett, a customer at Old Town Auto Service.



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